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Fiue hundreth pointes of good Husbandrie, as well for the Champion or Open countrie, as also for the Woodland or Severall, mixed in euerie month with Huswiferie, ouer and besides the booke of Huswiferie.

Corrected, better ordered, and newlie augmented to a fourth part more, with diuers other lessons, as a diet for the farmer, of the properties of winds, planets, hops, hearbs, bees, and approued remedies for sheepe and cattell, with manie other matters both profitable and not vnpleasant for the Reader.

Also a Table of Husbandrie at the beginning of this booke: and another of Huswiferie at the end, for the better and easier finding of anie matter conteined in the same.

Newlie set foorth by Thomas *Tusser Gentleman.*

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A leſſon how to confer euerie abſtract *with his month, and how to find out* Huſwiferie verſes by the *Pilcrow, and Champion* from Woodland.

IN euerie month, yer in aught be begun,
Read ouer that month, what auails to be dun:
So neither this trauell, ſhall ſeeme to be loſt,
Nor thou to repent, of this triflinȝ coſt.

The figure of abſtract, and month dow agree,
Which one to another, relations bee:
Theſe verſes ſo ſhort, without figure that ſtand,
Be points of themſelues to be taken in hand.

IN huſbandrie matters, where Pilcrow ye find,
That verſe apperteineth, to huſwiferie kind:
So haue ye mo leſſons (if there ye looke well)
Than huſwiferie booke, dooth vtter or tell.

Of Champion huſbandrie, now dow I write,
Which heretofore neuer, this booke did recite:
With leſſons approued, by practiſe and ſkill,
To profit the ignorant, buy it that will.

The Champion differs, from Seuerall much,
For want of partition, cloſier and ſuch:
One name to them both, dow I giue now and than,
For Champion countrie, and Champion man.

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FINIS.

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Cap. 1.

THOMAS TVSSAR MADE ME

Time trieth the troth in euerie thing,
Herewith let men content their mind,
Of works which beſt may profit bring.
Moſt raſh to iudge moſt often blind.
As therefore troth in time ſhall craue,
So let this booke iuſt fauor haue.

Take you my Lord and maiſter than,
Vnleſſe miſchance miſchanceth me,
Such homelie gift of me your man,
Since more in court I may not be.
And let your praiſe woon heretofore,
Remaine abroad for euermore.

My ſeruing you (this vnderſtand)
And God his helpe and yours withall,
Did cauſe good lucke to take mine hand
Erecting one moſt like to fall.

My ſeruing you I know it was,
Enforced this to come to paſſe.

Since

The Epiſtle.

Since being once at Cambridge taught,
Of court ten yeeres J made aſſay,
No muſicke then was left vnſaught,
Such care J had to ſerue that way:
When ioy gan ſlake then made I change,
Expelled mirth for muſicke ſtrange.
My muſicke ſince hath bene the plough,
Intangled with ſome care among,
The gaine not great, the paine inough,
Hath made me ſing another ſong:
Which ſong if well J may auow,
J craue it iudged be by yow.

Your ſeruant Thomas Tuſſer.

¶ To the right honorable and my ſpe-ciall good Lord and Maiſter, the Lord Thomas paget of Beaudeſert, ſonne and heire to his late father deceaſed.

Cap.2.

MY Lord, your father loued me,
and you my Lord haue prooued me,
and both your loues haue mooued me,
to write as I haue donne:
Since God hath hence your father,
ſuch flowers as I gather,
I dedicate now rather,
to you my Lord his ſonne.

Your father was my founder,
till death became his wounder,
no ſubiect euer ſounder,
whom prince aduancement gaue:
As God did here defend him,
and honor here did ſend him,
ſo now I will commend him,
as long as life I haue.

His neighbors then did bliſſe him,
his ſeruants now doo miſſe him,
the poore would gladlie kiſſe him,
aliue againe to be:
But God hath wrought his pleaſure,
and bleſt him out of meaſure.
with heauen and earthlie treaſure,
ſo good a God is he.

His counſell had I vſed,
and Ceres art refuſed,
I need not thus haue muſed,
nor droope as now I doo:
But I muſt play the farmer,
and yet no whit the warmer,
although I had his armer,
and other comfort too.

Aeſops fable.

The fox dooth make me mind him,
whoſe glorie ſo did blind him,
till taile cut off behind him,
no fare could him content:
Euen ſo muſt I be proouing,
ſuch glorie I had in loouing,
of things to plow behoouing,
that makes me now repent.

Loiterers I kept ſo meanie,
both Philip, Hob, and Cheanie,
that, that waie nothing geanie,
was thought to make me thriue:
Saluſt. Like *Iugurth* prince of *Numid*,
my gold awaie conſumid,
with loſſes ſo perfumid,
was neuer none aliue.

Great fines ſo neere did pare me,
great rent ſo much did skare me,
great charge ſo long did dare me,
that made me at length crie creke:
Much more of all ſuch fleeces,
as oft I loſt by peeces,
among ſuch wilie geeces,
I liſt no longer ſpeake.

Though countrie health long ſtaid me
yet leaſe expiring fraid me,

and

and *(Ictus ſapit)* praid me,
to ſeeke more ſteadie ſtaie:
New leſſons then I noted,
and ſome of them I quoted,
leaſt ſome ſhould thinke I doted,
by bringiug nought awaie.

Though Pallas hath denide me,
hir learned pen to guide me,
for that ſhe dailie ſpide me,
with countrie how I ſtood:
Yet Ceres ſo did bold me,
with hir good leſſons told me,
that rudenes cannot hold me,
from dooing countrie good.

Pallas goddes of wiſedome and cunning.

By practiſe and ill ſpeeding,
theſe leſſons had their breeding,
and not by heereſaie or reeding,
as ſome abroad haue blowne:
Who will not thus beleeue me,
ſo much the more they greeue me,
becauſe they grudge to giue me,
that is of right mine owne.

At firſt for want of teaching,
at firſt for triffles breaching,
at firſt for ouer-reaching,
and lacke of taking hid:
was cauſe that toſſe ſo toſt me,
that practiſe ſo much coſt me,
that raſhnes ſo much loſt me,
or hindred as it did.

Yet I will not deſpaier,
through Gods good gift ſo faier,
through friendſhip, gold, and praier,
in countrie againe to dwell:

where

Where rent ſo ſhall not paine me,
but paines ſhall helpe to gaine me,
and gaines ſhall helpe maintaine me,
new leſſons mo to tell.

For citie ſeemes a wringer,
the penie for to finger,
from ſuch as there doo linger,
or for their pleaſure lie:
Though countrie be more painfull,
and not ſo greedie gainfull,
yet is it not ſo vainefull,
in following fanſies eie.

I haue no labour wanted,
to prune this tree thus planted,
whoſe fruit to none is ſcanted,
in houſe or yet in field:
Which fruit, the more ye taſt of,
the more to eate ye haſt of,
the leſſe this fruit ye waſt of,
ſuch fruit this tree dooth yeeld.

My tree or booke thus framed,
with title alreadie named,
I truſt goes forth vnblamed,
in your good lordſhips name:
As my good Lord I take you,
and neuer will forſake you,
ſo now I craue to make you.
defender of the ſame.

Your ſeruant Thomas Tuſſer.

Chap. 3.

I Haue beene praid,
to ſhew mine aid,
in taking paine,
not for the gaine,
but for good will,
to ſhew ſuch skill,
as ſhew I could:
That husbandrie,
with huſwiferie,
as cocke and hen,
to countrie men,
all ſtrangers gone,
might ioine in one,
as louers ſhould
I truſt both this,
performed is,
and how that here,
it ſhall appeare,
with iudgement right,
to thy delight,
is brought to paſſe:
That ſuch as wiue,
and faine would thriue,
be plainelie taught,
how good from naught,
may trim be tride,
and liuelie ſpide,
as in a glaſſe.
What ſhould I win,
by writing in,
my loſſes paſt,
that ran as faſt,
as running ſtreame,
from reame to reame,
that flowes ſo ſwift:
For that I cold,
not get for gold,
to teach me how,
as this dooth yow,
through dailie gaine,
the waie ſo plaine,
to come by thrift.

What is a grote,
or twaine to note,
once in the life,
for man and wife,
to ſaue a pound,
in houſe or ground,
ech other weeke?
What more for health,
what more for wealth,
what needeth leſſe,
run iacke, helpe Beſſe,
to ſtaie amis,
not hauing this,
far off to ſeeke?

I doo not craue,
mo thanks to haue,
than giuen to me,
alreadie be,
but this is all,
to ſuch as ſhall,
peruſe this booke:

That

That for my ſake,
they gentlie take,
where ere they find,
againſt their mind,
when he or ſhe,
ſhall minded be,
therein to looke.

And grant me now,
good reader thow,
ſuch termes to vſe,
ſuch choiſe to chuſe,
as may delight,
the countrie wight,
and knowledge bring:
For ſuch doo praiſe,
the countrie phraiſe,
the countrie acts,
the countrie facts,
the countrie toies,
before the ioies,
of anie thing.

Nor looke thou here,
that euerie ſhere,
of euerie verſe,
I thus reherſe,
may profit take,
or vantage make,
by leſſons ſuch:
For heere we ſee,
things ſeuerall bee,
and there no dike,
but champion like,
and ſandie ſoile,
and claiey toile,
doo ſuffer much.

This being waid,
be not afraid,
to buy to prooue,
to read with loue,
to follow ſome,
and ſo to come,
by practiſe true:
My paine is paſt,
thou warning haſt,
th'experience mine,
the vantage thine,
may giue thee choiſe,
to crie to reioiſe,
and thus adue.

FINIS. T. Tuſſer.

¶ *An*

Chap. 4.

GOod husbandmen, must moile and toile,
to laie to liue, by laboured fæld:
Their Wiues at home, must kæpe such coile
as their like acts, maie pro∫it yæld,

For Well they knoW,
as ∫haft from boW,
or chalke from ∫noW,

A good round rent, their lords they giue,
and must kæpe tuch, in all their paie:
With credit crackt, else for to liue,
or trust to legs, and run aWaie.

Though fenſe Well kept, is one good point,
and tilth Well doone, in ſeaſon due:
Yet næding ſalue, in time t'annoint,
is all in all, and nædfull true,

As for the reſt,
thus thinke I beſt,
as friend dooth gheſt,

With hand in hand, to lead thee forth,
to Ceres campe, there to behold
A thouſand things, as richlie Worth,
as anie pearle, is Worthie gold.

A preface to the buier of *this booke*.

Chap. 5.

WHat lookeſt thou herein to haue?
Fine verſes thy fanſie to pleaſe?
Of manie my betters that craue,
Looke nothing but rudenes in theaſe.

What other thing lookeſt thou then?
Graue ſentences manie to find?
Such Poets haue twentie and ten,
Yea thouſands contenting the mind.

What looke ye, I pray you ſhew what?
Termes painted with Rhetorike fine?
Good husbandry ſeeketh not that,
Nor iſt any meaning of mine.

What lookeſt thou, ſpeake at the laſt?
Good leſſons for thee and thy wife?
Then keepe them in memorie faſt,
To helpe as a comfort to life.

What looke ye for more in my booke?
Points needfull and meet to be known?
Then daielie be ſuer to looke,
To ſaue to be ſuer thine owne.

The

Chap. 6.

Let house haue to fill hir,
Let land haue to till hir

NO dwellers, what profiteth house for to stand?
What gwdnes, vnoccupied bringeth the land?
No labour no bread,
No host we be dead.
No husbandry vsed how soone shall we sterue?
Housekeeping neglected, what comfort to serue?
Ill father no gift,
No knowledge no thrift.
The father an vnthrift, what hope to the sonne?
The ruler vnskilfull, how quicklie vndonne?

Chap. 7.

As true as thy faith,
This riddle thus saith.

The prais of husban=drie.

I Seeme but a drudge, yet I passe anie king,
To such as can vse me, great welth I dow bring.
Since Adam first liued, I neuer did die,
When Noe was a shipman, there also was I.
The earth to sustaine me, the sea for my fish,
Be readie to pleasure me, as I would wish.
What hath any life, but I helpe to preserue,
What wight without me, but is readie to sterue.
In woodland, in champion, citie or towne,
If long I be absent, what falleth not downe?
If long I be present, what goodnesse can want?
Though things at my comming were neuer so scant.
So manie as loue me, and vse me aright,
With treasure and pleasure, I richlie acquight.
Great kings I dow succour, else wrong it would go.
The king of all kings, hath appointed it so.

¶ The

¶ The description of Husbandrie.

Chap. 8.

OF husband, doth husbandrie challenge that name,
of husbandry husband doth likewise the same:
Where huswife and huswiferie, ioineth with thease,
there wealth in abundance, is gotten with ease.

The name of a husband, what is it to say?
of wife and the hushold, the band and the stay:
Some husbandlie thriueth, that neuer had wife,
yet scarse a good husband, in goodnes of life.

The husband is he, that to labour doth fall,
the labour of him, I doo husbandry call:
If thrift by that labour, be any waie caught,
then is it good husbandrie, else is it naught.

So household and housholdrie, I doo define,
for folke and the goods, that in house be of thine:
Housekeeping to them, as a refuge is set,
which like as it is, so report it doth get.

Be house or the furniture, neuer so rude,
of husband and huswife thus I conclude:
That huswife and huswiferie, if it be good,
must pleasure together, as cosins in blood.

The Ladder to thrift.

Chap. 9.

TO take thy calling thankfullie,
and shun the path to beggerie.

2 To grudge in youth no drudgerie,
to come by knowledge perfealie.

3 To count no trauell slauerie,
that brings in penie sauerlie.

4 To follow profit earnestlie.
but meddle not with pilferie,

5 to get by honest practisie,
and kéepe thy gettings couertlie.

6 To lash not out too lashinglie,
for feare of pinching penurie.

7 To get good plot to occupie,
and store and vse it handsomlie.

8 To shew to landlord courtesie,
and keepe thy couenants orderlie.

9 To

9 To hold that thine is lawfullie,
for stoutnes or for flatterie.

10 To wed good wife for companie,
and liue in wedlocke honestlie.

11 To furnish house with housholdry,
and make prouision skilfullie.

12 To ioine to wife good familie,
and none to kéepe for brauerie.

13 To suffer none liue idelie,
for feare of idle knauerie.

14 To courage wife in huswiferie,
and vse well dwers gentlie.

15 To kéepe no more but nédfullie,
and count excesse vnsauerie.

16 To raise betimes the lubberlie,
both snoring Hob and Margerie.

17 To walke thy pastures dsuallie,
to spie ill neighbor subtiltie.

18 To hate reuengement hastilie,
for losing loue and amitie.

19 To loue thy neighbor neighborly,
and shew him no discourtesy.

20 To answer strangers ciuilie,
but shew him not thy secrecie.

21 To vse no friend deceitfullie,
to offer no man villanie.

22 To learne how to to pacifie,
but trust him not to trustilie.

23 To kéepe thy touch substantiallie,
and in thy word vse constancie.

24 To make thy bonds aduisedlie,
& come not bound through suertie.

25 To meddle not with vsurie,
nor lend thy monie foolishlie.

26 To hate to liue in infamie,
through craft & liuing shiftinglie.

27 To shun all kind of trecherie,
for treason endeth horriblie.

28 To learne t'eschew ill companie,
and such as liue dishonestlie.

29 To banish house of blasphemie,
least crosses crosse vnluckilie.

30 To stop mischance through policie,
for chancing too vnhappilie.

31 To beare thy crosses patientlie,
for worldlie things are slipperie.

32 To laie to kéepe from miserie,
age comming on so créepinglie.

33 To praie to God continuallie,
for aide against thine enimie.

34 To spend the sabboth holilie,
and helpe the nédie pouertie.

35 To liue in conscience quietlie,
and kéepe thy selfe from maladie.

36 To ease thy sicknes spédilie,
yet helpe be past recouerie.

37 To seeke to God for remedie,
for witches proue vnluckilie.

These be the steps vnfainedlie:
to clime to thrift by husbandrie.

These steps both reach, and teach thee shall,
To come by thrift, to shift withall.

¶ Good husbandlie lessons worthie to be followed of such as will thriue.

Chap. 10.

GOD sendeth & giueth both mouth and the meat
and blesseth vs all with his benefits great:
Then serue we the god, that so richly doth giue
shew loue to our neighbors, & lay for to liue.

2 As bud by appearing, betokeneth the spring,
and leafe by hir falling, the contrarie thing:
So youth bids vs labour, to get what we can,
for age is a burthen, to labouring man.

3 A competent liuing, and honestlie had,
makes such as are godlie, both thankfull and glad:
Life neuer contented, with honest estate,
lamented is oft, and repented too late.

4 Count neuer well gotten, that naughtlie is got,
nor well to account of, which honest is not:
Looke long not to prosper, that weighest not this,
least prospering faileth, and all go amis.

Lay wisely to wiue.

5 True wedlocke is best, for auoiding of sin,
the bed vndefiled, much honour doth win:
Though loue be in chosing, farre better than gold,
let loue come with somewhat, the better to hold.

6 Where couples agree not, is rancor and strife,
where such be togither, is seldome good life:
Where couples in wedlocke, do louelie agree,
there foison remaineth, if wisedome there bee.

Wife and children craue a dwelling.

7 Who loketh to marrie, must laie to keepe house,
for loue may not alwaie, be plaieng with douse:
If children increase, and no staie of thine owne,
what afterward followes, is soone to be knowne.

Thee for thriue.

8 Once charged with children, or likelie to bee,
giue ouer to soiourne, that thinkest to thee:
Least grudging of hostis, and crauing of nurse,
be costlie and noisome, to thee and thy purse.

9 Good

9 Good huſbands that loueth good houſes to kæpe,
are oftentimes carefull, when others doo ſlæpe:
To ſpend as they may, or to ſtop at the furſt,
for running in danger, or feare of the wurſt,

10 Go count with thy cofers, when harueſt is in, By harueſt is meant all thy ſtock.
which waie for thy profit, to ſaue or to win:
Of tone of them both, if a ſauer we ſmell,
houſekæping is godlie, where euer we dwell.

11 Sonne thinke not thy monie, purſſe bottome to burne,
but kæpe it for profit, to ſerue thine owne turne:
A foole and his monie, be ſoone at debate,
which after with ſorrow, repents him to late.

12 Good bargaine a doing, make priuie but few,
in ſelling refraine not, abroad it to ſhew:
In making make haſt, and awaie to thy pouch,
in ſelling no haſt, if ye dare it auouch.

13 Good landlord who findeth, is bleſſed of God, Euill landlord.
a cumberſome landlord, is huſbandmans rod:
Ye noieth, deſtroieth, and all to this drift,
to ſtrip his poore tenant, of farme and of thrift.

14 Rent corne who ſo paieth (as worldlings would haue,
ſo much for an acre) muſt liue like a ſlaue:
Rent corne to be paid, for reaſnable rent,
at reaſnable prices, is not to lament.

15 Once placed for profit, looke neuer for eaſe, Foure beggers.
except ye beware, of ſuch michers as theſe:
Unthriftines, ſlouthfulnes, careles and raſh,
that thruſteth thee headlong, to run in the laſh.

16 Make monie thy drudge, for to follow thy warke, Thrifts officers.
make wiſdome controller, good order thy clarke:
Prouiſion cater, and ſkill to thy cooke,
make ſteward of all, pen, inke, and thy booke.

17 Make hunger thy ſauce, as a medicine for health, Thrifts phylicke.
make thirſt to be butler, as phylicke for wealth:
Make eie to be vſher, good vſage to haue,
make bolt to be porter, to kæpe out a knaue.

18 Make

Thrifts bailie.

18 Make husbandrie bailie, abroad to prouide,
make huswiferie dailie, at home for to guide:
Make cofer fast locked, thy treasure to kæpe,
make house to be sure, the safer to sleepe.

Husbandly armor.

19 Make bandog thy scoutwatch, to barke at a thæfe,
make courage for life, to be capitaine chæfe:
Make trapdore thy bulworke, make bell to begin,
make gunstone and arrow, shew who is within.

Thæues to thrift.

20 The credit of maister, to brothell his man,
and also of mistresse, to minikin Nan:
Be causers of opening, a number of gaps,
that letteth in mischæfe, and manie mishaps.

Friends to thrift.

21 Good husband he trudgeth, to bring in the gaines,
good huswife she drudgeth, refusing no paines:
Though husband at home, be to count ye wot what,
yet huswife within, is as needfull as that.

Enimie to thrift.

22 What helpeth in store, to haue neuer so much,
halfe lost by ill vsage, ill huswiues and such?
So, twentie lode bushes, cut downe at a clap,
such hæd may be taken, shall stop but a gap.

Six noiances to thrift.

23 A retchlesse seruant, a mistres that scowles,
a rauening mastife, and hogs that eat fowles:
A giddie braine maister, and stroiall his knaue,
brings ruling to ruine, and thrift to hir graue.

24 With some vpon sundaies, their tables doo ræke,
and halfe the wæke after, their dinners doo sæke:
Not often exceeding, but alwaie inough,
is husbandlie fare, and the guise of the plough.

Inough is a praise.

25 Ech daie to be feasted, what husbandry wurse,
each daie for to feast, is as ill for the purse:
Yet measurelie feasting, with neighbors among,
shall make thæ beloued, and liue the more long.

Thrifts aduises.

26 Things husbandlie handsome, let workman contriue,
but build not for glorie, that thinkest to thriue:
Who fondlie in doing, consumeth his stocke,
in the end for his follie shall get but a mocke.

27 Spend

Spoilers to thrift.

27 Spend naue but your owne, howſoeuer ye ſpend,
for lyuing and ſhifting, haue ſeldome good end:
In ſubſtance although ye haue neuer ſo much,
delight not in paraſites, harlots and ſuch.

28 Be ſuertie ſeldome (but neuer for much)
for feare of purſſe pennileſſe, hanging by ſneb:
Or Skarborow warning, as ill I beleeue,
when (ſir I areſt ye) gets hold of your ſleeue.

29 Uſe (Legem pone) to paie at thy daie,
but vſe not (Oremus) for often delaie:
Yet (Præſta quæſumus) out of a grate,
of all other collects, the lender doth hate.

30 Be pinched by lending, for kiſſe nor for kin,
nor alſo by ſpending, by ſuch as come in:
Nor put to thy hand, betwixt barke and the tree,
leaſt through thine owne follie, ſo pinched thou bee.

31 As lending to neighbour, in time of his need,
wins loue of thy neighbour, and credit doth breed:
So neuer to craue but to liue of thine owne,
brings comforts a thouſand, to manie vnknowne.

32 Who liuing but lends? and be lent to they muſt,
elſe buieng and ſelling, might lie in the duſt:
But ſhameleſſe and craftie, that deſperate are.
make manie full honeſt the worſer to fare.

33 At ſome time to borrow, account it no ſhame,
if iuſtlie thou kæpeſt, thy touch for the ſame:
Who quicke be to borrow, and ſlow be to pay,
their credit is naught, go they neuer ſo gay.

34 By ſhifting and borrowing, who ſo as liues,
not well to be thought on, occaſion giues:
Then laie to liue warilie, and wiſelie to ſpend,
for prodigall liuers, haue ſildome good end.

35 Some ſpareth too late, and a number with him,
the foole at the bottome, the wiſe at the brim:
Who careth nor ſpareth, till ſpent he hath all,
of bobbing, not robbing, be fearefull he ſhall.

36 Where

36 Where welthines flowеth, no freendship can lacke,
whom pouertie pincheth, hath friendship as slacke:
Then happie is he by example that can,
take heed by the fall of a mischeeued man.

37 Who breaketh his credit, or cracketh it twise,
trust such with a suertie, if ye be wise:
Or if he be angrie, for asking thy due,
once euen, to him afterward, lend not anue.

38 Account it well sold, that is iustlie well paid,
and count it well bought, that is neuer denaid:
But yet here is tone, here is tother dooth best,
for buier and seller, for quiet and rest.

39 Leaue princes affaires, vndeskanted on,
and tend to such doings, as standes thee vpon:
Feare God, and offend not the prince nor his lawes,
and keepe thy selfe out, of the magistrates clawes.

40 As interest or vsurie, plaieth the diuell,
so hilbacke and filbellie, biteth as euill:
Put dicing among them, and docking the del,
and by and by after, of beggerie smell.

Thrifts auditor.

41 Once weekelie remember thy charges to cast,
once monthlie see how, thy expenses may last:
If quarter declareth to much to be spent,
for feare of ill yeare, take aduise of thy rent.

42 Who orderlie entreth, his payment in booke,
shall orderlie find them againe (if he looke:)
And he that intendeth, but once for to paie,
shall find this in dooing, the quietest waie.

43 In dealing vprightlie, this counsell I teach,
first reckon, then write, yer to purse ye doo reach:
Then pay and dispatch him, as soone as ye can,
for lingring is hinderance to many a man.

44 Haue waights I aduise thee for siluer and gold,
for some be in knauerie, now a daies bold:
And for to be sure, good monie to pay,
receiue that is currant, as neere as ye may.

45 Delight

45 Delight not for pleasure, two houses too keepe,
least charge without measure, vpon thee doo creepe.
And Jankin and Jenikin, cosen thee so,
to make thee repent it, yer yeere about go.

46 The stone that is rolling, can gather no mosse,
who often remooueth, is sure of a losse:
The rich it compelleth, to paie for his pride,
the poore it vndooeth on euerie side.

47 The eie of the maister, inricheth the hutch,
the eie of the mistresse, auaileth as much:
Which eie if it gouerne, with reason and skill,
hath seruant and seruice, at pleasure and will.

48 Who seeketh reuengement, of euerie wrong,
in quiet nor safetie, continueth long:
So he that of wilfulnes, trieth the law,
shall striue for a corcome, and thriue as a daw.

49 To hunters and haukers, take heed what ye say,
mild answer with courtisie, driues them awaie:
So where a mans better, will open a gap,
resist not with rudenes, for feare of mishap.

50 A man in this world, for a churle that is knowne,
shall hardlie in quiet, keepe that is his owne:
Where lowlie and such, as of courtesie smels,
finds fauor and friendship, where euer he dwels.

51 Keepe truelie thy Sabboth, the better to speed,
keepe seruant from gadding, but when it is need:
Keepe fish day and fasting day, as they doo fall,
what custome thou keepest, let others keepe all.

52 Though some in their tithing, be slacke or too bold,
be thou vnto Godward, not that waie too cold:
Euill conscience grudgeth, and yet we doo see,
ill tithers, ill thriuers, most commonlie bee.

53 Paie weekelie thy workman, his household to feed,
pay quarterlie seruants, to buy as they need:
Giue garment to such, as deserue and no mo,
least thou and thy wife, without garment doo go.

54 Beware raskabilia, slothfull to worke,
purloiners and filchers, that loueth to lurke:
Awaie with such lubbers, so loth to take paine,
that roules in expences, but neuer no gaine.

55 Good wife, and good children, are worthie to eat,
good seruant, good labrer, earneth their meat:
Good friend, and good neighbor, that fellowlie gest,
with hartilie welcome, should haue of the best.

56 Depart not with all, that thou hast to thy child,
much lesse vnto other, for being beguild:
Least if thou wouldst gladlie, possesse it agen,
looke for to come by it, thou wotest not when.

57 The greatest preferment, that child we can giue,
is learning and nurture, to traine him to liue:
Which who so it wanteth, though left as a squier,
consumeth to nothing, as blocke in the fier.

58 When God hath so blest thee, as able to liue,
and thou hast to rest thee, and able to giue:
Lament thy offenses, serue God for amends,
make soule to be readie, when God for it sends.

59 Send fruits of thy faith, to heauen aforehand,
for mercie here doing, God blesseth thy land:
He maketh thy store, with his blessing to swim,
and after thy soule, to be blessed with him.

60 Some laie to get riches, by sea and by land,
and ventreth his life, in his enimies hand:
And setteth his soule, vpon fire or on seauen,
not fearing nor caring, for hell nor for heauen.

61 Some pincheth and spareth, and pineth his life,
to cofer vp bags, for to leaue to his wife:
And she when he dieth sets open the chest,
for such as can sooth hir, and all awaie wrest.

62 Good husband preuenting, the fraslenes of some,
takes part of Gods benefits, as they doo come:
And leaueth to wife, and his children the rest,
each one his due part, as he thinketh it best.

63 These

63 Theſe leſſons approued, if wiſelie ye note,
may ſaue and aduantage ye many a grote:
Which if ye can follow, occaſion found,
then euerie leſſon may ſaue ye a pound.

¶ An habitation inforced better late than neuer, vpon theſe words, *Sit downe Robin and* reſt thee. Chap. 11.

MY freend if cauſe dooth wreſt thee,
Yer follie hath much oppreſt thee,
Farre from acquaintance keſt thee,
Where conntrie may digeſt thee,
Let wood and water requeſt thee,
In good corne ſoile to neſt thee,
Where paſture and meade may breſt thee,
And helthſome aire inueſt thee,
Though enuie ſhall deteſt thee,
Let that no whit moleſt thee,
Thanke God that ſo hath bleſt thee,
And ſit downe Robin and reſt thee.

The farmers dailie diet. *Chap.* 12.

A Plot ſet downe, for farmers quiet,
as time requires, to frame his diet:
With ſometime fiſh, and ſometime faſt,
that houſhold ſtore may longer laſt.
Let Lent well kept offend not thee, Lent.
for March and Aprill breeders bee:
Spend herring firſt, ſaue ſaltfiſh laſt,
for ſaltfiſh is good, when Lent is paſt.
When Eaſter comes, who knowes not than, Eaſter.
that veale and Bacon is the man:
And Martilmas beefe, dooth beare good tacke,
when countrie folke, doo dainties lacke.

When

Midsum-mer. When mackrell ceaseth from the seas,
John Baptist brings, grasse beefe, and pease,

Michel-mas. Fresh herring plentie, Michell brings,
with fatted crones, and such old things.

Hallomas All Saints doo lay, for poyke and louse,
for spyats and spurlings, for their house.

Christ-mas. At Christmas play, and make good cheere,
for Christmas comes but once a yeere,

Caueat. Though some then doo, as doo they would,
let thriftie doo, as doo they should.

Fasting. For causes good, so many waies,
keepe Embrings well, and fasting daies.

Fishdaies What law commands, we ought to obay,
for Friday, Saturne and Wednesday.

A thing needfull. The land doth will, the sea dooth wish,
spare sometime flesh, and feed of fish.

Where fish is scant and fruit of trees,
Sayplie that want, with butter and cheese.

Q Tussar.

¶ A description of the properties of winds *all the times of the yeere. Chap.* 13.

In winter. North winds send hasle, South winds bring raine,
East winds we bewaile, West winds blow amaine:
North east is too cold, South east not to warme,
North west is too bold, South west doth no harme.

At the spring. The North is a noier, to grasse of all suites,
The East a destroier, to hearbs and all fruits:

Summer The South with his showers, refresheth the corne,
The West to all flowers, may not be forborne.

Autumne The West as a father, all goodnes doth bring,
The East, a forbearer no maner of thing:
The South as vnkind, draweth sickneſſe too neere,
The North, as a friend, maketh all againe cleere.

With

With temperate wind we be blessed of God,
With tempest we find, we are beat with his rod:
All power, we know, to remaine in his hand,
How euer wind blow, by sea or by land.

Though winds do rage, as winds were wood,
And cause spring tides, to raise great floud,
And loftie ships, leaue anker in mud,
Bereauing many of life and of bloud:
Yet true it is, as cow chewes cud,
And trees at spring, do yeld forth bud,
Except winds stands, as neuer it stod:
It is an ill wind turnes none to good.

Of the Planets. Chap. 14.

As huswiues are teached, in stead of a clocke,
how winter nights passeth, by crowing of cocke:
So, here by the planets, as farre as I dare,
some lessons I leaue, for the husbandmans share.

If day starre appeareth, day comfort is ny,
if sunne be at South, it is noone by and by:
If sunne be at Westward, it setteth anon,
if sunne be at setting, the day is soone gon.

Of the Moone changing.

Moone changed, keeps closet, three daies like a Queene,
yet she in hir prime, will of any be seene:
If great she appeareth, it showeth out,
if small she appeareth, it signifieth drout,

At change or at full, come it late, or else soone,
maine sea is at highest, at midnight and noone:
But yet in the creekes, it is later high flood,
through farnesse of running, by reson as good.

Tide flowing is feared, for manie a thing,
great danger to such as be sicke, it doth bring:
Sea eb, by long ebbing, some respit doth giue,
and sendeth good comfort, to such as shall liue.

Chap 14.

1 NOw enter Iohn,
old farmer is gon.

2 What champion vseth,
that woodland refuseth.

3 God farmer now take,
keepe still or forsake.

4 What helps reuiue,
the thriuing to thriue.

5 Plough fense and stone,
ought else before.

6 By tits and such,
few gaineth much.

7 Horse strong and light,
some charges quight.
Light head and purse,
what lightnes worse?

8 Who goeth a borrowing,
goeth a sorrowing.
Few lends but fooles,
their working tooles.

9 Greene rie haue some,
yer Michelmas come.

10 Grant soile his lust,
sowe rie in the dust.

11 Clene rie that sowes,
the better crop mowes.

12 Wire rie aright,
with wheat that is whight.

13 See corne sowne in,
too thicke nor too thin.
For want of seed,
land yeeldeth weed.

14 With sling or bow,
keepe corne from crow.

15 Trench hedge and forows,
that water may thorow.
Deepe dike saues much,
from drouers and such.

16 Amend marsh wall,
crab holes and all.

17 Geld buls and rams,
sew ponds, amend dams.
Sell webster thy wull,
fruit gather, grapes pull.
For feare of drabs,
go gather thy crabs.

18 Plucke fruit to last,
when Michell is past.

19 Forget it not,
fruit bruised will rot.
Light ladder and long,
doth trees least wrong.
go gather with skil,
and gather that wil.

20 Driue hiue good conie,
for war and for honie.
No driuing of hiue,
till yeares past fiue.

21 Good dwelling giue bee,
or hence goes shee.

22 Put bore in stie,
for Hallontide nie.

23 With bore (good Cisse,
let naught be amisse.

24 Barle hempe left greene,
now plucke vp cleane.

Drowne

Drowne hempe as ye need,
once had out his ſeed.
I praie thee (good Kit)
drowne hempe in pit.

25 Of all the reſt
white hempe is beſt.
Let ſkilfull be gotten,
leaſt hempe proue rotten.

26 Set ſtrawberies wiſe,
I loue them for life.

27 Plant reſpe and roſe,
and ſuch as thoſe.

28 Go gather vp maſt,
yer time be paſt.
Maſt fats vp ſwine,
maſt kils vp kine.

29 Let hogs be rœng,
but old and yœng.

30 No maſt vpon oke,
no longer vnyoke.
If hog do crie,
giue eare and eie.

31 Hogs haunting corne,
maie not be borne.

32 Good neighbor thow,
good cuſtome allow.
No ſcaring with dog,
whilſt maſt is for hog.

33 Get home with the brake,
to brue with and bake.
To couer the ſhed,
drie ouer the hed.
To lie vnder cow,
to rot vnder mow.

To ſerue to burne,
for manie a turne.

34 To ſawpit draw,
bord log to ſaw.
Let timber be haile,
leaſt profit do quaile.
Such bord and pale,
is readie ſale.

35 Sawne ſlab let lie,
for ſtable and ſtie.
Saw duſt ſpred thicke,
makes allie tricke.

36 Keepe ſafe thy fenſe,
ſcare breakehedge thenſe.
A drab and a knaue,
will prowle to haue.

37 Marke wind and mœne,
at midnight and nœne.
Some rigs thy plow,
ſome milks thy cow.

38 Red cur or blacke,
few prowlers lacke.

39 Some ſteale, ſome pilch,
ſome all awaie filch.
Marke loſſes with greefe,
through prowling theefe.

Thus endeth Septembers abſtract, agreeing with Septembers huſbandrie.

Other ſhort remembrances.

Now friend as ye with
go ſeuer thy fith:
When friend ſhall come,
to be ſure of ſome.

Thy

Thy ponds renew,
put eeles in stew.
To liue till Lent,
and then to be spent.

Set priuie or prim,
set box like him.

Set gelosiowers all,
that growes on the wall.

Set herbs some more,
for winter store.

Sowe seeds for pot,
for flowers sowe not.

Thus ends Septembers short remembrances.

¶ Septembers husbandrie.

Chap. 15.

Sebtember blow soft,
Till frute be in loft.

Forgotten month past,
Dos now at the last.

1 AT Michelmas lightlie, new farmer coms in,
new husbandrie forceth, him new to begin:
Old farmer still taking, the time to him giuen,
makes August to last, vntill Michelmas euen.

2 New farmer may enter (as champions saie)
on all that is fallow, at Lent ladie daie:
In woodland old farmer, to that will not yeeld,
for losing of pasture, and feed of his feeld.

Farme, take or giue ouer.

3 Prouide against Michelmas, bargaine to make,
for farme to giue ouer, to keepe or to take:
In doing of either, let wit beare a stroke,
for buieng or selling, of a pig in a poke.

Twelue good properties.

4 Good farme and well stored, good housing and nie,
good corne and good dairie, good market and nie:
Good shepheard, good tilman, good Jacke and good Gill,
makes husband and hus wife, their coffers to fill.

5 Let pasture be stored, and fensed about,
and tillage set forward, as needeth without:
Before ye do open, your purse to begin,
with anie thing doing, for fansie within.

6 Na ſtoring of paſture, with baggagelie tit,
with ragged, with aged, and euill at hit:
Let carren and barren, be ſhifted awaie,
for beſt is the beſt, whatſoeuer ye paie.

7 Horſſe, oxen, plough, tumbrell, cart, waggen & waine, Strong and light,
the lighter and ſtronger, the greater thy gaine:
The ſoile and the ſeed, with the ſheafe and the purſe,
the lighter in ſubſtance, for profit the wurſe.

8 To borrow to daie, and to morrowe to mis,
for lender or borrower, noiance it is:
Then haue of thine owne, without lending vnſpilt,
what followeth needfull, here learne if thou wilt.

A digreſſion to husbandlie furniture.

1 Barne locked, gofe ladder, ſhort pitchforke and long, Barne furniture.
flaile, ſtrawforke and rake, with a fan that is ſtrong:
Wiing, cartnaue and bushell, pecke, ſtrike readie hand,
get caſting ſhouell, broome, and a ſacke with a band.

2 A ſtable well planked, with keie and a locke, Stable furniture,
wals ſtronglie well lined, to beare off a knocke:
A racke and a manger, good litter and haie,
ſweet chaffe, and ſome prouender euerie daie.

3 A pitchforke, a dongforke, ſæue, ſkep, and a bin,
a broome and a paile, to put water therein:
A handbarrow, wheelebarrow, ſhouell and ſpade,
a currie combe, mainecombe, and whip for a iade.

4 A buttrice and pinſers, a hammer and naile,
an aperne and ſiſzers, for head and for taile:
Whole bridle and ſaddle, whit lether and nail,
with collars and harneis, for thiller and all.

5 A panell and wantie, packſaddle and ped,
with line to fetch litter, and halters for hed:
With crotches and pins, to hang trinkets thereon,
and ſtable faſt chained, that nothing be gon.

6 Strong

Cart furniture.

6 Strong exeltræd cart, that is clouted and shod,
cart ladder and wimble, with perser and pod:
Wheele ladder for harueſt, light pitchforke and tough,
shaue, whiplash well knotted, and cartrope inough.

A coome is halfe a quarter.

7 Ten sacks, whereof euerie one holdeth a coome,
a pulling hooke handsome, for bushes and hoome:
Light tumbrell, and dongcrone, for casing fir wag,
shouell, pickax, and mattocke, with bottle and bag.

Husbandry tooles.

8 A grindstone, a whetstone, a hatchet and bill,
with hammer and English naile, sorted with skill:
A frower of iron, for cleauing of lath,
with roll for a sawpit, good husbandrie hath.

9 A short saw, and long saw, to cut a two logs,
an ax and a nads, to make troffe for thy hogs:
A douercourt beetle, and wedges with steele,
strong leuer to raise vp, the blocke from the wheele.

Plough furniture.

10 Two ploughs and a ploughcheine, ij coulters, iij shares
with ground clouts, & side clouts, for soile ỳ sow tares:
With or bowes, and oxyokes, and other things mo,
for oxteeme and horsseteeme, in plough for to go.

11 A plough beetle, ploughstaffe, to further the plough,
great clod to a sunder, that breaketh so rough:
A sled for a plough, and another for blocks,
for chimnie in winter, to burne vp their docks.

12 Sedge collars for ploughhorse, for lightnes of necke,
good seed, and good sower, and also seed pecke:
Strong oxen and horsses, well shod and well clad,
well meated and vsed, for making thee sad.

13 A barlie rake toothed, with iron and steele,
like paire of harrowes, and roller doth weele:
A sling for a mother, a bowe for a boy,
a whip for a carter, is hoigh de la roy.

Harueſt tooles.

14 A brush syth, and grasse syth, with rifle to stand,
a cradle for barlie, with rubstone and sand:
Sharpe sikle and weeding hooke, haie forke and rake,
a meake for the pease, and to swing vp the brake.

15 Short rakes for to gather vp, barlie to bind,
and greater to rake vp, such leauinges behind:
A rake for to rake vp, the fitches that lie,
a pike for to pike them vp, handsome to drie.

16 A skuttle or skreine, to rid soile fro the corne,
and sharing sheeres readie, for sheepe to be shorne:
A forke and a hooke, to be tampring in clay,
a lath hammer, a trowell, a hod or a traie.

17 Strong yoke for a hog, with a twicher and rings,
with tar in a tarpot, for dangerous things:
A sheepe marke, a tarre kettle, little or mitch,
two pottles of tarre, to a pottle of pitch.

18 Long ladder to hang, all along by the wall,
to reach for a need, to the top of a hall:
Beame, scales, with the weightes that be sealed and true,
sharpe moulspare with barbes, ỳ the mowles dow so rue.

19 Sharpe cutting spade, for the diuiding of mow,
with skuppat and skauell, that marshmen allow:
A sickle to cut with, a didall and crome,
for draining of ditches, that noies thee at home.

20 A clauestocke, a rabbetstocke, carpenters craue,
and seasoned timber, for pinwood to haue:
A Jacke for to sawe vpon, fewell for fier,
for sparing of firewood, and sticks fro the mier.

21 Soles, fetters, and shackles, with horstocke and pad,
a cow house for winter, so meet to be had:
A stie for a boze, and a hogscote for hog,
a roost for thy hens, and a couch for thy dog.

Here endeth husbandlie furniture.

9 Thresh seed, and to fanning, September doth crie, Sowing of Rie.
get plough to the field, and be sowing of rie:
To harrow the ridges, yer euer ye strike,
is one peece of husbandrie, Suffolke doth like.

10 Sowe timelie thy white wheat, sow rie in the duſt,
let seed haue hir longing, let soile haue hir luſt:
Let rie be partaker of michelmas spring,
to beare out the hardnes, that winter dooth bring.

11 Some mixeth to miller, the rie with the wheat,
Tems loke on his table, to haue for to eat:
But sowe it not mixed, to growe so on land,
least rie tarrie wheat, till it shed as it stand.

12 If soile doo desire, to haue rie with the wheat,
by growing together, for safetie more great:
Let white wheat be tone, be it deare be it cheape,
the sooner to ripe, for the sickle to reape.

13 Though beanes be in sowing, but scattered in,
yet wheat, rie, and peason, I loue not too thin:
Sowe barlie and dredge, with a plentifull hand,
least weed, stead of seed, ouergroweth thy land.

14 No sooner a sowing, but out by and by,
with mother or boy, that alarum can cry:
And let them be armed, with sling or with bow,
to scare awaie pigeon, the rooke and the crow.

15 Seed sowne, draw a furrowe, the water to draine,
and dike vp such ends, as in harmes doo remaine:
For driuing of cattell, or rouing that way,
which being preuented, ye hinder the pray.

Amend marsh walles.

16 Saint Michell dooth bid thee, amend the marsh wall,
the hedge and the crabhole, the foreland and all:
One noble in season, bestowed thereon,
may saue thee a hundred, yer Winter be gon.

Gelding of rams.

17 Now geld with the gelder, the ram and the bull,
sew ponds, amend dams, and sell webster thy wull:
Out fruit go and gather, but not in the deaw,
with crab and the walnut, for feare of a shrew.

Gathering of fruit.

18 The moone in the wane, gather fruit for to last,
but Winter fruit gather, when Michell is past:
Though michers that loue not, to buie nor to craue,
make some gather sooner, else few for to haue.

19 Fruit

19 Fruit gathered too timelie, will taſt of the wood,
will ſhrinke and be bitter, and ſeldome proue good:
So fruit that is ſhaken, or beate of a tree,
with bruſing in falling, ſoone faultie will bee.

20 Now burne vp the bees that thou mindeſt to driue, Driuing of bees.
at midſummer driue them, and ſaue them aliue:
Place hiue in good aier, ſet ſouthlie and warme,
and take in due ſeaſon, wax, honie, and ſwarme.

21 Set hiue on a planke, (not too low by the ground)
where herbe with the flower, may compaſſe it round:
And boords to defend it, from north and northeaſt,
from ſhowers and rubbiſh, from vermin and beaſt.

22 At Michelmas ſafelie, go ſtie vp thy boye,
leaſt ſtraieng abroad, ye doo ſee him no moye:
The ſooner the better, for Hallontide nie,
and better he brawneth, if hard he doo lie.

23 Shift boye for ill aire, as beſt ye doo thinke,
and twiſe a day giue him, freſh water and drinke:
And diligent Ciſſie, my dairie good wench,
make clenlie his cabben, for meaſling and ſtench.

24 Now plucke vp thy hempe, and go beat out the ſeed,
and afterward water it, as ye haue need:
But not in the riuer, where cattell ſhould drinke,
for poiſoning of them, and the people with ſtinke.

25 Hempe huſwifelie vſed, looks clearelie and bright,
and ſelleth it ſelfe, by the collour ſo white:
Some vſeth to water it, but ſome doe it not, whiteſt hempe beſt ſold.
be ſkilfull in doing, for feare it doo rot.

26 Wife into thy garden, and ſet me a plot,
with ſtrawberie roots, of the beſt to be got:
Such growing abroad, among thorns in the wood,
well choſen and picked, proue excellent good.

27 The barberie, reſpis, and gooſeberie too, Gooſeberries, and reſpis.
looke now to be planted, as other things doo:
The gooſeberie, reſpis, and roſes, all three,
with ſtrawberies vnder them, trimlie agree.

Gathering of maſt.

28 To gather ſome maſt, it ſhall ſtand thee vpon,
with ſeruant and children, yer maſt be all gon:
Some left among buſhes, ſhall pleaſure thy ſwine,
for feare of a miſchefe, keepe acorns fro kine.

29 For rooting of paſture, ring hog ye had need,
which being well ringled, the better doth feed:
Though yong with their elders, will lightlie keepe beſt.
yet ſpare not to ringle, both great and the reſt.

yoking of hogs.

30 Yoke ſeldome thy ſwine, while ſhacktime doth laſt,
for diuers miſfortunes, that happen too faſt:
Or if ye doo fanſie, whole eare of the hog,
giue eare to ill neighbor, and eare to his dog.

Ringling of hogs.

31 Keepe hog I aduiſe thee, from medow and corne,
for out alowd crieng, the ere he was borne:
Such lawles ſo hanting, both often and long,
if dog let him chaunting, he doth thee no wrong.

32 Where loue among neighbors, doth beare any ſtroke
while ſhacktime indureth, men vſe not to yoke:
Yet ſurely ringling, is needfull and good,
till froſt doo inuite them, to brakes in the wood.

33 Get home with thy brakes, yer ſummer be gon,
for teddered cattell, to ſit therevpon:
To couer thy houell, to brew and to bake,
to lie in the bottome, where houell ye make.

34 Now ſaw out thy timber, for board and for pale,
to haue it vnſhaken, and readie to ſale:
Beſtowe it and ſticke it, and laie it aright,
to find it in March, to be readie in plight.

35 Saue ſlab of thy timber, for ſtable and ſtie,
for horſſe and for hog, the more clenlie to lie:
Saue ſaweduſt, and brickeduſt, and aſhes ſo fine,
for allie to walke in, with neighbor of thine.

Hedge brekers.

36 Keepe ſafele and warely, thine vttermoſt fenſe,
with ope gap and breakehedge, doo ſeldome diſpenſe:
Such runnabout prowlers, by night and by day,
ſee puniſhed iuſtly, for prowling away.

37 At

37 At noone if it bloweth, at night if it shine,
out trudgeth Hew makeshift, with hooke and with line:
Whiles Gillet his blouse, is a milking thy cow,
sir Hew is a rigging, thy gate or thy plow.

Learne to know Hew prowler.

38 Such walke with a blacke, or a red little cur,
that open will quicklie, if any thing stur:
Then squatteth the maister, or trudgeth awaie,
and after dog runneth, as fast as he may.

39 Some prowleth for fewell, and some away rig,
fat goose and the capon, ducke, hen, and the pig:
Some prowleth for acorns, to fat vp their swine,
for corne and for apples, and all that is thine.

Thus endeth Septembers husbandrie.

¶ Octobers abstract.

Chap. 16.

LAy drie vp and round,
for barlie thy ground.

2 To late doth kill,
to soone is as ill.

3 Maids little and great,
picke cleane séed wheat.
Good ground doth craue,
choise seed to haue.
Flailes lustilie thwacke,
least plough seed lacke.

4 Séede first, go fetch,
for edish, or etch,
Soile perfectlie knowe.
yer edish ye sowe,

5 White wheate if ye please,
sowe now vpon pease,
Sowe first the best,
and then the rest.

6 Who soweth in raine,
hath weed to his paine.
But worse shall he speed,
that soweth ill seed.

7 Now better than later,
draw furrow for water.
Keepe crowes good sonne.
see fencing be donne.

8 Each soile no vaine,
for euerie graine.
Though soile be but bad,
some corne may be had.

9 Naught proue, naught craue
naught venter, naught haue.

10 One crop, and away,
some countrie may say.

11 All grauell and sand,
is not the best land.

A rottenlie mould,
is land worth gould.

12 Why wheat is smitten,
good lesson is written.

13 The iudgement of some,
how thistles do come.

14 A iudgement right,
of land in plight.
Land all forlorne,
not good for corne.

15 Land barren doth beare,
small straw, short care.

16 Here maist thou read,
for soile what séed.

17 Tis tride erie howser,
best graine most flowser.

18 Grosse corne much bran,
the baker doth ban.

19 What croppers be,
here learne to see.

20 Few after crop much,
but noddies and such.

21 Some woodland may crake,
three crops he may take.

22 First barlie, then pease,
then wheat if ye please.

23 Two crops and awaie,
must champion saie.

24 Where barlie did growe,
laie wheat to sowe.
Yet better I think,
sowe pease, after drinke.
And then if ye please,
sowe wheat after pease.

25 What champion knowes,
that custome showes.

26 First barlie yer rie,
then pease by and by.
Then fallow for wheat,
is husbandrie great.

27 A remedie sent,
where pease lacke vent,
Fat peaseled swine,
for drouer is fine.

28 Ech diuers soile,
hath diuers toile.

29 Some countries vse,
that some refuse.

30 For wheat, ill land,
where water doth stand.
Sowe pease or dredge,
belowe in that redge.

31 Sowe acorns to prowe,
that timber do loue.

32 Sowe hastings now,
if land it allow.

33 Learne sone to get,
a good quickset.

34 For feare of the wurst,
make fat awaie furst,

35 Fat that no more,
ye keepe for store.

36 Hide carren in graue,
lesse noiance to haue.

37 Hog measled kill,
for Fleming that will.

38 With peasebolt and brake,
some brew and bake.

39 Old corne worth gold,
so kept as it should.

40 Much profit is kept,
by sloes well kept.

41 Keepe sloes vpon bow,
for slix of thy cow.

42 Of berges be sure,
pure cattell to cure.

Thus endeth Octobers abstract, agreeing with Octobers husbandrie.

Other short remembrances.

Tis haue an eie,
to boze in the stie.
By malt ill kept,
small profit is kept.

Friend ringle thy hog,
for feare of a dog.
Rie straw vp stacke,
least thacker dow lacke.

Wheatstraw drie saue,
for cattell to haue.
Wheatchaffe laie vp drie,
in safetie to lie.

Make handsome a bin,
for chaffe to lie in.
(Séed thresht) thou shalt,
thresh barlie to malt.
Cut bushes to hedge,
fense medow and redge,

Stampe crabs that may,
for rotting awaie.
Make vergis and perrie,
sowe kirnell and berrie.

Now gather vp fruit,
of euerie suit.
Marsh wall to slight,
strength now, or good night.

Mend wals of mud,
for now it is good.
Where soile is of sand,
quicke set out of hand.

To plots not full,
ad bremble and hull.
For set no bar,
whilst month hath an K.

Like note thou shalt,
for making of malt.
Brew now to last,
till winter be past.

Thus ends Octobers short remembrances.

¶ Octobers husbandrie.

Chap. 17.

October good bi ast.
To blow the hog mast.

Forgotten month past,
Dew now at the last.

1 NOw lay vp thy barlie land, drie as ye can,
when euer ye sow it, so looke for it than:

Get dallie afore hand, be neuer behind,
least winter preuenting, doo alter thy mind.

2 Who laieth vp fallow, too soone or to wet,
with noiances manie, doth barlie beset:
For wæd and the water, so soketh and sucks,
that goodnes from either, it vtterlie plucks.

wheat sowing. 3 Græne rie in September, when timelie thou hast,
October for wheat sowing, calleth as fast:
If weather will suffer, this counsell I giue,
leaue sowing of wheat, before Hallowmas eue.

4 Where wheat vpon edish, ye mind to bestowe,
let that be the first, of the wheat ye doo sowe:
Ye sæmeth to hart it, and comfort to bring,
that giueth it comfort, of Michelmas spring.

Best wheat first sowen. 5 White wheat vpon pease etch, doth grow as he wold
but fallow is best, if we did as we should:
Yet where, how, and when, ye intend to begin,
let euer the finest, be first sowen in.

6 Who soweth in raine, he shall reape it with teares,
who soweth in harmes, he is euer in feares:
Who soweth ill sæd, or defraudeth his land,
hath eie sore abroad, with a corsie at hand.

7 Sæd husbandlie sowne, water furrow thy ground,
that raine when it commeth, may run away round:
Then stir about Nicoll, with arrow and bowe,
take penie for killing, of euerie crowe.

A digression to the vsage of diuers countries, concerning tillage.

8 Ech soile hath no liking, of euerie graine,
nor barlie and wheat, is for euerie vaine:
Yet know I no countrie, so barren of soile,
but some kind of corne, may be gotten with toile.

9 In Brantham, where rie, but no barlie did growe,
good barlie I had, as a manie did knowe:
Fiue seame of an aker, I truelie was paid,
for thirtie lode mucke, of each aker so laid.

10 In Suffolke againe, whereas wheat neuer grew,
good husbandrie vsed, good wheatland I knew:
This prouerbe, experience long ago gaue,
that nothing who practiseth, nothing shall haue.

11 As grauell and sand, is for rie and not wheat,
or yeeldeth hir burden, to tone the more great:
So peason and barlie, delight not in sand,
but rather in claie, or in rottener land.

12 Wheat sometime is staelie, or burnt as it growes,
for pride or for pouertie, practise so knowes:
Too lustie of courage, for wheat doth not well,
nor after sir peeler he loueth to dwell.

13 Much wetnes, hog rooting, and land out of hart,
makes thistles a number, forthwith to vpstart:
If thistles so growing, proue lustie and long,
it signifieth land to be lustie and strong.

14 As land full of tilth, and in hartie good plight,
yeelds blade to a length, and increaseth in might:
So crop vpon crop, vpon whose courage we doubt,
yeelds blade for a brag, but it holdeth not out.

15 The straw and the eare, to haue bignes and length,
betokeneth land, to be good and in strength:
If eare be but short, and the straw be but small,
it signifieth barenes, and barren withall.

16 White wheat, or else red, red riuet or whight,
far passeth all other, for land that is light:
White pollard or red, that so richlie is set,
for land that is heauie, is best ye can get.

17 Maine wheat that is mixed, with white and with red,
is next to the best, in the market mans hed:
So Turkey or Purkey wheat many do loue,
because it is flourie, as others aboue.

18 Gray wheat is the grosest, yet good for the clay,
though worst for the market, as farmer may say:
Much like vnto rie, be his properties found,
coorse flower, much bran, and a peeler of ground.

19 Otes

19 Otes, rie, or else barlie, and wheat that is gray,
hings land out of comfort, and soone to decay:
One after another, no comfort betweene,
is crop vpon crop, as will quicklie be seene.

Crop vpon crop.

20 Still crop vpon crop, manie farmers doo take,
and reape little profit, for greedines sake:
Though bredcorne & drinkcorne, such croppers doo stand,
count peason or branke, as a comfort to land.

21 Good land that is severall, crops may haue three,
in champion countrie, it may not so bee:
Tone taketh his season, as commoners may,
the tother with reason, may otherwise say.

22 Some vseth at first, a good fallow to make,
to sowe thereon barlie, the better to take:
Next that to sowe pease, and of that to sowe wheat,
then fallow againe, or lie laie for thy neat.

23 First rie and then barlie, the champion saies,
or wheat before barlie, be champion waies:
But drinke before breadcorne, with middlesex men,
then laie on more compas, and fallow agen.

24 Where barlie ye sow, after rie or else wheat,
if land be vnlustie, the crop is not great:
So lose ye your cost, to your corsie and smart,
and land ouerburdened is clene out of hart.

25 Exceptions take, of the champion land,
from lieng along, from that at thy hand:
(Just by) ye may comfort, with compas at will,
far off ye must comfort, with fauor and skill.

26 Where rie or else wheat, either barlie ye sowe,
let codware be next, therevpon for to growe:
Thus hauing two crops, whereof codware is ton,
thou hast the lesse need, to lay cost therevpon.

27 Some far fro the market, delight not in pease,
for that erie chapman, they seeme not to please:
If vent of the market place, serue thee not well,
set hogs vp a fatting, to drouer to sell.

28 Two

28 Two crops of a fallow, inricheth the plough,
though tone be of peaſe, it is land good inough:
One crop and a fallow, ſome ſoile will abide,
where if ye go further, late profit aſide.

29 Where peaſon ye had, and a fallow thereon,
ſowe wheat ye may well, without dong therevpon:
New broken vp land, or with water oppreſt,
or ouermuch dunged, for wheat is not beſt.

30 Where water all winter, annoieth to much,
beſtow not thy wheat, vpon land that is ſuch:
But rather ſowe otes, or elſe bullimong there,
gray peaſon or runciuals, fitches or tere.

31 Sow acorns ye owners, that timber dow lowe, — Sowing of acorns.
ſowe hawe and rie with them, the better to prowe:
If cattell or cunnie, may enter to crop,
yoong oke is in danger, of looſing his top.

32 Who peſcods delighteth, to haue with the furſt,
if now he dow ſow them, I thinke it not wurſt:
The greener thy peaſon, and warmer the rowme,
more luſtie the laier, more plentie they come.

33 Go plow vp or delue vp, aduiſed with ſkill, — A diſeaſe in fat hogs
the bredth of a ridge, and in length as you will:
Where ſpædie quickſet, for a fenſe ye will draw,
to ſow in the ſæd, of the bremble and hawe.

34 Though plentie of acorns, the porkling to fat,
not taking in ſeaſon, may periſh by that:
If ratling or ſwelling, get once to the throte,
thou looſeſt thy porkling, a crowne to a grote.

35 What euer thing fat is, againe if it fall,
thou bentereſt the thing, and the fatnes withall:
The fatter the better, to ſell or to kill,
but not to continue, make proofe if ye will.

36 What euer thing dieth, go burie or burne, — Buriens of dead cattell.
for tainting of ground, or a worſer ill turne:
Such peſtilent ſmell, of a carrenlie thing,
to cattell and people, great perrill may bring.

37 Thy

37 Thy measeled bacon, hog sow, or thy boze,
shut vp foz to heale, foz infecting thy stoze:
Or kill it foz bacon, or souse it to sell,
foz Flemming that loues it so daintilie well.

38 With stralvisp, and peasebolt, with ferne & the bake,
foz sparing of fewell, some bzew and dow bake:
And heateth their copper, foz seething of graines,
good seruant rewarded, refuseth no paines.

Old wheat better than new.

39 Good bzeadcozne and dzinkecozne, full xx. weeks kept,
is better than new, that at haruest is rept:
But foistie the bzeadcozne, and bowdeaten malt,
foz health oz foz pzofit, find noisome thou shalt.

40 By the end of October, go gather vp sloes,
haue thou in a readines, plentie of those:
And keepe them in bedstraw, oz still on the bow,
to stay both the flix, of thy selfe and thy cow.

A medicine foz the cow flix.

41 Seeth water, and plumpe therein plentie of sloes,
mixe chalke that is dzied, in powder with thoes:
Which so if ye giue, with the water and chalke,
thou makest the lax, fro thy cow away walke.

42 Be sure of verges (a gallon at least)
so good foz the kitchen, so needfull foz beast:
It helpeth thy cattell, so feeble and faint,
if timelie such cattle, with it thou acquaint.

Thus ends Octobers husbandzie.

¶ Nouembers abstract.

Chap. 18.

1 Let hog once fat,
lose nothing of that.
When mast is gon,
hog falleth anon.
Still fat vp some,
till shzoftide come.
Now pozke and souse,
beares tacke in house.

2 Put barlie to malting,
lay stitches a salting.
Through follie to beastlie,
much bacon is reastie.

3 Some winnow some fan,
some cast that can.
In casting pzouide,
foz seedlay aside.

4 Thzesh

4 Threſh barlie thou ſhalt,
for chapman to malt.
Elſe threſh no more,
but for thy ſtore.

5 Till March threſh wheat,
but as ye dw eat.
Leaſt baker forſake it,
if foiſtenes take it.

6 No chaffe in bin,
makes horſſe loke thin.

7 Sowe haſtings now,
that haſtings allow.

8 They buy it full dære,
in winter that rære.

9 Few fowles, leſſe ſwine,
rære now, friend mine.

10 What loſſe, what ſkurs,
through rauening curs?

11 Make Martilmas bæfe,
déere meat is a theefe.

12 Set garlike and peaſe,
ſaint Edmond to pleaſe.

13 When raine takes place,
to threſhing apace.

14 Bad braine, to rough,
mars all at plough.
With flaile and whips,
fat hen ſhort ſkips.

15 Some threſhing by taſke,
will ſteale and not aſke.
Such threſhers at night,
walkes ſeldome home light.
Some corne awaie lag,
in bottle and bag.
Some ſteales for a neſt,
egs out of the neſt.

16 Lay ſtoner vp drie,
in order to lie.
Powre bullocke doth craue,
freſh ſtraw to haue.

17 Make weekelie vp flower,
though threſhers dw lower.
Lay graine in loft,
and turne it oft.

18 For mucke regard,
make cleane foule yard.
Lay ſtraw to rot,
in waterie plot.

19 Hedlond vp plow,
for compas ynow.

20 For herbs god ſtore,
trench garden more.

21 At midnight trie,
fowle priuies to fie.

22 Rid chimnie of ſoot,
from top to the foot.

23 In ſtable put now,
thy horſſes for plow.

24 God horſekeeper will,
laie mucke vpon hill.

25 Cut molehils that ſtand,
ſo thicke vpon land.

Thus endeth Nouembers abſtract, agréeing with Nouembers huſbandrie.

Other ſhort remembrances.

Get pole, boy mine,
beat hawes to ſwine.
Driue hog to the wood,
brake roots be good.

For

For mischeefe that falles,
loke well to marsh walles.
Drie later get neat,
and plentie of meat.

Curst cattell that nurteth,
poore wemell sone hurteth.

Good neighbor mine,
ring well thy swine.
Such winter may serue,
hog ringled will sterue.
In frost keepe dog,
from hunting of hog.

Heere ends Nouembers short remembrances.

¶ Nouembers husbandrie.

Chap. 19.

November take flaile,
Let ship no more saile.

Forgotten monthy past,
Do now at the last.

1 AT Hallontide, flautertime entereth in,
and then dooth the husbandmans feasting begin
From thence vnto shroftide, kill now and then some,
their offall for houshold, the better will come.

2 Thy rydge and thy barlie, go thresh out to malt,
let maltster be cunning, else lose it thou shalt:
The increase of a seame, is a bushel for store,
bad else is the barly, or huswife much more.

3 Some vseth to winnow, some vseth to fan,
some vseth to cast it, as cleane as they can:
For seed go and cast it, for malting not so,
but get out the cockle, and then let it go.

4 Thresh barly as yet, but as need shall require,
fresh threshed for stouer, thy cattel desire:
And therefore that threshing, forbeare as ye may,
til Candlemas comming, for sparing of hay.

Threshing of barlie.

5 Such wheat as yee keepe, for the baker to bie,
vnthreshed till March, in the sheafe let it lie:
Least foistines take it, if sooner ye thresh it,
although by oft turning, ye seeme to refresh it.

Threshing of wheat.

6 Saue chaffe of the barly, of wheat and of rie,
from fethers and foistines, where it dooth lie:
Which mixed with corne, being sifted of dust,
go giue to thy cattell, when serue them ye must.

Chaffe of corne.

7 Green

7 Greene peason or hastings, at Hallontide sowe,
in hartie good soile, he requireth to growe:
Gray peason or runcinals, cheerelie to stand,
at Candlemas sowe, with a plentifull hand.

8 Leaue latewardlie rearing, keepe now no more swine,
but such as thou maist, with the offall of thine:
Except ye haue wherewith, to fat them away,
the fewer thou keepest, keepe better thou may.

9 To reare vp much pultrie, and want the barne dore,
is naught for the pulter, and worse for the poore:
So now to keepe hogs, and to serue them for meat,
is as to keepe dogs, for to baule in the streat.

10 As cat a good mouser, is needefull in house,
because for hir commons, she killeth the mouse:
So rauening curres, as a meanie do keepe,
makes maister want meat, and his dog to kill sheepe.

11 For Easter at Martilmas, hang vp a beefe,
for stall fed and pease fed, play pickpurse the theefe: Martil-
With that and the like, yer grasse beefe come in, mas beefe.
thy folke shall looke cheerelie, when others looke thin.

12 Set garlike and beanes, at S. Edmund the king,
the moone in the waine, thereon hangeth a thing:
The increase of a pottle, (well proued of some) ¶
shall pleasure thy household, yer pescod time come. Set gar-
like and
beanes.

13 When rayne is a let, to thy doings abrode,
set threshers a threshing, to lay on good lode:
Thresh cleane ye must bid them, though lesser they yarne,
and looking to thriue, haue an eie to thy barne.

14 Take heed to thy man, in his furie and heat,
with ploughstaffe, & whipstocke, for maiming thy neat:
To thresher for hurting, of cow with his flaile,
or making thy hen, to play tapple vp taile.

15 Some pilfering thresher, will walke with a staffe, Corne ste-
will carry home corne, as it is in the chaffe: lers.
And some in his bottle of leather so great,
will carry home daily, both barly and wheat.

16 If

16 If houſeroome will ſerue thee, lay ſtouer vp drie,
and euerie ſort, by it ſelfe for to lie:
Or ſtacke it for litter, if roome be too poore,
and thatch out the reſidue, noieng the doore.

17 Cauſe wækelie thy threſher, to make vp his flower,
though ſlothfull and pilferer, do thereat lower:
Take tub for a ſeaſon, take ſacke for a ſhift,
yet garner for graine, is the better for thrift.

18 All maner of ſtrawe, that is ſcattered in yard,
good huſbandly huſbands, haue daily regard:
In pit full of water, the ſame to beſtowe,
where lieng to rot, thereof profit may growe.

19 Now plough vp thy headlond, or delue it with ſpade,
where otherwiſe profit, but littie is made:
And caſt it vp high, vpon hillocks to ſtand,
that winter may rot it, to compaſſe thy land.

¶ Trenching of gardens.

20 If garden require it, now trench it ye may,
oue trench not a yard, from another go lay:
Which being well filled, with mucke by and by,
go couer with mould for a ſeaſon to lie.

21 Foule priuies are now, to be clenſed and tide,
let night be appointed, ſuch baggage to hide:
Which buried in garden, in trenches alowe,
ſhall make verie manie things, better to growe.

22 The chimnie all ſootie, would now be made cleene,
for feare of miſchances, too oftentimes ſeene:
Old chimnie and ſootie, if fier once take,
by burning and breaking, ſoone miſchiefe may make.

23 When ploughing is ended, and paſture not great,
then ſtable thy horſes, and tend them with meat:
Let ſeaſon be drie, when ye take them to houſe,
for danger of nits, or for feare of a louſe.

Hauing of dung.

24 Lay compaſſe vp hanſomlie, round on a hill,
to walke in thy yard, at thy pleaſure and will:
More compaſſe it maketh, and handſome the plot,
if horſſekeeper, daily, forgetteth it not.

25 Make

25 Make hillocks of molhils, in field throughout,
and so to remaine, till the yeere go about:
Make also the like, whereas plots be too hie,
all winter a rotting, for compas to lie.

Thus endeth Nouembers husbandrie.

Decembers abstract.

Chap. 20.

1 NO season to hedge,
get beetle and wedge.

Cleane logs now all,
for kitchen and hall.

2 Dull working tooles,
soone courage cooles.

3 Leaue off tittle tattle,
go serue your cattle.
Serue yong poore elues,
alone by themselues.

4 Warme barth for neat,
worth halfe their meat.
The elder that nurteth,
the yonger soone hurteth.

5 House cow that is old,
while winter dooth hold.

6 But once in a daie,
to drinke and to play.

7 Get trustie to serue,
least cattle doo sterue,
And such as in deed,
may helpe at a need.

8 Obserue this law,
in seruing out straw,

9 In walking about,
good forke spie out.

10 At full and at change,
spring tides are strange.
If doubt ye fray,
driue cattle away.

11 Dankeling forgot,
will quickite rot.

12 Here learne and trie,
to turne it and drie.

13 Now stocks remoue,
that orchards loue.

14 Set stocke to growe,
too thicke nor too lowe.
Set now as they come,
both cherie and plome.

15 Sheepe, hog, and ill beast,
bids stocke to ill feast.

16 At Christmasse is good,
to let thy horsse bloud.

17 Marke here what rable,
of euils in stable.

18 Wire well (old gaffe)
horsse corne with chaffe.
let Jacke nor Gill,
fetch corne at will.

19 Some countries gift,
to make hard shift.

Bonie dapple will fare,
with fitches and fare.
Fitches and tares,
be Norfolke wares.

20 Tares thresshed with skill,
bestowe as ye will.

21 Hide strawberies wife,
to saue their life.

22 Knot border at all,
now couer ye shall.

23 Helpe bées sweet conie,
with liquor and honie.

24 Get campers a ball,
to campe therewithall.

Thus endeth Decembers abstract, agréeing with Decemries husbandrie.

Other short remembrances.

Let Christmas spie,
yard cleane to lie.
No labour, no sweat,
go labour for heat.

Fed doues but kill not,
if stroie them ye will not.
Fat hog (yer ye kill it)
or else ye dow spill it.

Put ore in stall,
yer ore dw fall.
Who seethe th his graines,
hath profit for pains.

Kid garden of mallow,
plant willow and sallow.

Let bare life render,
see brawne sod tender.

For wife fruit bie,
for Christmasse pie.

Ill bread and ill drinke,
makes manie ill thinke.
Both meat and cost,
ill dressed halfe lost.

Who hath therewithall,
may cheere when he shall.
But charged man,
must cheere as he can.

Thus endeth Decembers short remembrances.

Decembers husbandry.

Chap. 21.

O dirtie December,
For Christmas remember.

Forgotten month past,
Dos now at the last.

Beetle and wedges.

1 WHen frost will not suffer, to dike and to hedge,
then get thee a heat, with thy beetle and wedge:
Once Hallomas come, and a fire in the hall,
such sliuers dos well, for to lie by the wall.

2 Ge

2 Get grindstone and whetstone, for toole that is dull,
or often be letted, and freat bellie full:
A wheelebarrow also, be readie to haue,
at hand of thy seruant, thy compasse to saue.

Grinding stone, and whet stone.

3 Giue cattell their fodder, in plot drie and warme,
and count them for miring, or other like harme:
Yong coltes with thy wennels, together go serue,
least lurched by others, they happen to sterue.

4 The racke is commended, for sauing of doung,
to set as the old cannot mischeefe the young:
In tempest (the wind beeing northlie or east)
warme barth vnder hedge, is a succour to beast.

5 The housing of cattell, while winter doth hold,
is good for all such, as are feeble and old:
It saueth much compasse, and manie a steepe,
and spareth the pasture for walke of thy sheepe.

Housing of cattell.

6 For charges so little, much quiet is won,
if stronglie and handsomlie, all thing be don:
But vse to vntackle them, once in a day,
to rub and to licke them, to drinke and to play.

7 Get trustie to tend them, not lubberly squire,
that all the day long hath his nose at the fire:
Nor trust vnto children, poore cattell to feed,
but such as be able, to helpe at a need.

8 Serue rie straw out first, then wheat straw and pease,
then otestraw and barlie, then haie if ye please:
But serue them with haie, while the straw stouer last,
then loue they no straw, they had rather to fast.

9 Yokes, forkes, and such other, let baillie spie out,
and gather the same, as he walketh about:
And after at leasure, let this be his hier,
to beath them and trim them, at home by the fier.

Forks and yokes.

10 As well at the full, of the moone as the change,
sea rages in winter, be suddenly strange:
Then looke to thy marshes, if doubt be to stray,
for feare of (Ne forte) haue cattell away.

11 Both flatfish and lingfish (if any ye haue)
though shifting and, drieng, from rotting go saue:
Least winter with moistnes, doo make it relent,
and put it in hazard, before it be spent.

How to vse ling and haberden.

12 Bycause faggot is best, to drie haberden on,
laie bowd vpon ladder, if faggots be gon:
For breaking (in turning) haue verie good eie,
and blame not the wind, so the weather be drie.

13 Good fruit and good plentie, dooth well in the loft,
then make thee an orchard, and cherish it oft:
For plant or for stocke, laie aforehand to cast,
but set or remoue it, yer Christmasse be past.

An orchard point.

14 Set one fro another, full forty foot wide,
to stand as he stood, is a part of his pride:
More faire, more worthie, of cost to remoue,
more stedie ye set it, more likelie to proue.

15 To teach and vnteach, in a schoole is vnmeet,
to dow and vndow, to the purse is vnsweet:
Then orchard or hoppyard, so trimmed with cost,
should not through follie, be spoiled and lost.

Letting hysse blood.

16 Yer Christmas be passed, let hysse be let blood,
for manie a purpose, it dooth them much good:
The day of S. Steeuen, old fathers did vse,
if that doo mislike thee, some other daie chuse.

Breeding of the bots.

17 Looke well to thy hysses, in stable thou must,
that haie be not foistie, nor chaffe full of dust:
Nor stone in their prouender, feather nor clots,
nor fed with greene peason, for breeding of bots.

18 Some hysseleeper lasheth, out prouender so,
some Gillian spendall, so often dooth go:
For hogs meat, and hens meat, for that and for this,
that corne loft is emptied, yer chapman hath his.

19 Some countries are pinched, of medowes for hay,
yet ease it with fitches, as well as they may:
Which inned and theshed, and husbandlie dight,
keepes labouring cattle, in verie good plight.

20 In

20 In threshing out sitches, one point I will shew,
first thresh out for seed, of the sitches a few:
Thresh few fro thy plowhouse, thresh cleane for the sow,
this order in Norfolke, good husbands allow.

21 If frost doo continue, take this for a lawe,
the strawberies looke, to be couered with straw:
Laid ouerlie trim, vpon crotches and bowes,
and after vncouered, as weather allowes.

¶ Strawberies.

22 The gilleflower also, the skilfull doo knowe,
doth looke to be couered, in frost and in snowe:
The knot and the border, and rosemarie gaie,
doo craue the like succour, for dieng awaie.

23 Go looke to thy bees, if the hiue be too light,
set water and honie, with rosemarie dight:
Which set in a dish, full of sticks in the hiue,
from danger of famine, ye saue them aliue.

¶ How to preserue bées.

24 In medow or pasture (to grow the more fine)
let campers be camping, in anie of thine:
Which if ye doo suffer, when lowe is the spring,
you gaine to your selfe, a commodious thing.

Thus ends Decembers husbandrie.

¶ A digression to hospitalitie.

Chap. 22.

LEaue husbandrie sleeping, a while ye must doo,
to learne of housekeeping a lesson or two:
What euer is sent thee by labour and paine,
a time there is lent thee, to rendrit againe.
Although ye defend it, vnspent for to bee,
another shall spend it, no thanke vnto thee.
How euer we clime, to accomplish the mind,
we haue but a time, thereof profit to find.

✻ A description of time, and the yeere. *Chap.* 23.

OF God to thy doings, a time there is sent,
which endeth with time, that in doing is spent:

For time is it selfe, but a time for a time,
forgotten full soone, as the time of a chime.

In Spring time we reare, we sowe and we plant,
in Summer get victels, least after we want:
In harueſt we carrie in corne, and the fruit,
in Winter to spend, as we need of ech suit.

The yeare I compare, as I find for a truth,
the spring vnto childhood, the Summer to youth:
The Harueſt to manhood, the winter to age,
all quicklie forgot, as a play on the stage.

Time past is forgotten, yer men be aware,
time present is thought on, with wonderfull care:
Time comming is feared, and therefore we saue,
yet oft yer it come, we be gone to the graue.

A description of life and riches.

Chap. 22.

WHo liuing, but dailie discerne it he may,
how life as a shadow, doth vanish away:
And nothing to count on, so sure to trust,
as sure of death, and to turne to dust.

The lands and the ritches that heere we possesse,
be none of our owne, if a God we profesſe:
But lent vs of him, as his talent of gold,
which being demanded, who can it withhold:

Atrop or death.

God maketh no writing, that iustlie doth say,
how long we shall haue it, a yeare or a day:
But leaue it we must (howsoeuer we leeue,)
when Atrop shall plucke vs, from hence by the sleeue.

To death we must stoope, be we hie be we lowe,
but how and how suddenlie, few be that knowe:
What carie we then, but a sheet to the graue,
to couer this carkas, of all that we haue?

A description of housekeeping.

Chap. 25:

WHat then of this talent, while here we remaine,
but studie to yeeld it, to God with a gaine?

And that shall we dow, if we dow it not hid,
but vse and bestow it, as Christ dooth vs bid.

What good to get riches, by breaking of sleepe,
but hauing the same, a good howse for to keepe?
Not onelie to bring, a good fame to thy powle,
but also the prayer to win of the powle.

Of all other dowings, housekeeping is cheefe,
for dame it helpeth, the powle with releefe:
The neighbour the stranger, and all that haue need,
which causeth thy dowings, the better to speed.

Though harken to this, we should euer among,
yet cheeflie at Christmas, of all the yeare long:
Good cause of that vse, may appeare by the name,
though niggardlie niggards, dow kicke at the same.

A description of the feast of the birth of Christ, commonlie called *Christmasse*. *Chap.* 26.

OF Christ cõmeth Christmas, the name with the feast,
a time full of ioy, to the greatest and least:
At Christmasse was Christ our Sauiour borne,
the world through sinne, altogither forlorne.

At Christmas the daies, dow begin to take length,
of Christ dooth religion, cheeflie take strength:
As Christmas is onlie, a figure or trope,
so onelie is Christ, the strength of our hope.

At Christmas we banket the rich with the powle,
who then but the miser, but openeth his dowle?
At Christmas of Christ, manie carols we sing,
and giue many gifts, in the ioy of that King.

At Christmas in Christ, we reioise and be glad,
as onelie of whome, our comfort is had:
At Christmas we ioy, altogither with mirth,
for his sake that ioyed, vs all with his birth.

A description of apt time to spend. *Chap.* 27.

LEt such (so fantasticall) lisking not this,
nor anie thing honest that ancient is:

Giue place to the time, that so meet we dow see,
appointed of God, as it seemeth to bee.

At Christmas good husbands, haue come on the ground,
in barne and in soller, worth many a pound:
With plentie of other things, cattell and sheepe,
all sent them no doubt good houses to keepe.

At Christmas the hardnes, of winter doth rage,
a griper of all things, and speciallie age:
Then lightlie poore people, the young with the old,
be sorest oppressed, with hunger and cold.

At Christmas by labour, is little to get,
that wanting, the poorest in danger are set:
What season then better, of all the whole yeere,
thy needie poore neighbour, to comfort and cheere?

Against fantasticall scruplenes.

Chap. 28.

AT this time & that time, some make a great matter,
some helpe not but hinder, ỳ poore with their clatter:
Take custome from feasting, what commeth then last?
where one hath a dinner, a hundred shall fast.

To dog in the manger, some liken I could,
that hay will eat none, nor let other that would:
Some scarse in a yeere, giue a dinner or two,
nor well can abide, any other to dow.

Play thou the good fellow, seeke none to misdeeme,
disdaine not the honest, though merrie they seeme:
For oftentimes seene, no more verie a knaue,
than he that doth counterfet, most to be graue.

Christmas husbandlie fare.

Chap. 29.

GOod husband and huswife, now cheerfelie be glad,
things handsome to haue, as they ought to be had:
They both dow prouide, against Christmas dow come,
to welcome good neighbour, good cheere to haue some.

Good bread and good drinke, a good fire in the hall,
brawne, pudding and souse, and good mustard withall.

Beefe,

Beefe, mutton and poike, shread pies of the best,
pig, veale, goose and capon, and turkey well dyest:
Cheese, apples and nuts, iolie carols to heare,
as then in the countrie, is counted good cheare.

What cost to good husband, is any of this?
good household prouision, onelie it is:
Of other the like, I leaue out a menie,
that costeth the husbandman, neuer a penie.

¶ A Christmas Caroll of the birth of Christ, *vpon the tune of King Salomon.* *Chap. 30.*

WAs not Christ our Sauiour,
sent to vs from God aboue?
not for our good behauiour:
but onlie of his mercie and loue.
If this be true as true it is,
truelie in deed:
great thanks to God to yeeld for this,
then had we need.

2 This did our God for verie troth,
to traine to him the soule of man,
and iustle to performe the oth:
to Sara and to Abram than,
That thrugh his seed al nations should,
most blessed bee:
As in due time performe he would,
as now we see.

3 Which wonderously is brought to pas
and in our sight alreadie donne,
by sending as his promise was,
to comfort vs, his onelie sonne,
euen Christ I meane that virgins child
in Bethlem borne:
that lambe of God, that prophet mild,
with crowned thorne.

4 Such

4 Such was his loue to saue vs all,
from dangers of the curse of God,
that we fell in by Adams fall,
and by our owne deserued rod,
That through his blood & holy name,
who so beleeues:
and flie from sinne and abhor the same,
free mercie he giues.

5 For these glad newes this feast doth bring,
to God the Sonne and holie ghost,
let man giue thanks reioise and sing:
from world to world, from coast to coast
For all good gifts so manie waies,
that God doth send:
let vs in Christ giue God the praies,
till life shall end.

T. Tusser.

At Christmas be merrie, and thankfull withall,
And feast thy poore neighbors, the great with the small:
Yea all the yeere long, as the poore let vs giue,
Gods blessing to follow vs, whiles we do liue.

¶ Ianuaries abstract.

Chap. 31.

1 BId Christmas adew,
thy stocke now renew.

2 Who killeth a neat,
hath cheaper his meat,
fat home fed louse,
is good in a house.

3 Who dainties loue,
a begger shall proue.
Who alwaie sels,
in hunger dwels.

4 Who nothing saue,
shall nothing haue.

5 Lay dust vpon heaps,
some profit it reapes.
When weather is hard,
get mucke out of yard.
A fallowe bestowe,
where pease shall growe.
Good peason and white,
a fallow will quite.

6 Go gather quickset,
the youngest go get.
dig garden strop mallow,
set willow and sallow.

Greene

Gréene willow for stake,
in banke will take.

7 Let do goe to bucke,
with conie good lucke.
Spare labour for monie,
store borough with conie.
Get warrener hound,
to vermine thy ground.
Féed doues but kill not,
if lose them ye will not.
Doue house repaire,
make doue hole faire.
For hop ground cold,
doue dong worth gold.

8 Good gardiner mine,
make garden fine.
Set garden pease,
and beans if ye please,
Set respis and rose,
young roots of those.

9 The timelie huier,
hath chepet his fier.

10 Some burns without wit,
some fierlesse sit.

11 Now season is good,
to lop or fell wood.
Prune trees some allowes,
for cattell to brows.

12 Giue sheepe to their fees,
the mistle of trees.

13 Let lop be shorne,
that hindreth corne.
Saue edder and stake,
strong hedge to make.

14 For sap as ye knowe,
let one bough growe.

Next yeare ye may,
that bough cut away.

15 A lesson good,
to increase more wood.

16 Saue crotches of wood,
saue spars and stud.
Saue hop for his dole,
the strong long pole.

17 How euer ye scotch,
saue pole and crotch.

18 From Christmas to maie,
weake cattell decaie.

19 With vergis acquaint,
pore bullocke so faint.
This medicine approued
is for to be loued.

20 Let plaister lie,
three daies to try.
Too long if ye stay,
taile rots alwaie.

21 Ewes readie to yeane,
craues ground rid cleane.
Keepe sheepe out of briers,
keepe beast out of mires.

22 Keepe bushes from bill,
till hedge ye wil.
Best had for thy turne,
their roots goe and burne.

23 No bushes of mine,
if fense be thine.

24 In stubbed plot,
fill hole with clot.

25 Kid grasse of bones,
of sticks and stones.

26 Warme.

26 Warme barth giue lambs,
good food to the ft dams.
Looke dailie well to them,
least dogs bridge them.

27 Young lambe well sold,
fat lam worthy gold.

28 Keepe twins for breed,
as ewes haue need.

29 One calfe if it please ye,
now reared shall ease ye.
Calues likelie reare,
at rising of yeare.
Calfe large and leane,
is best to weane.

30 Calfe lickt take diuate,
and house it ye mate.
this point I allow,
for seruant and cow.

31 Calues yonger than other,
learnes one of another.

32 No danger at all,
to geld as they fall.
yet Michell cries,
please butchers eies.

33 Sowe readie to fare,
craues huswiues care.

34 Leaue sowe but fiue,
the better to thriue.

35 Weane such for store,
as sucks before.
Weane onlie but three,
large breeders to bee.

36 Lam, baichin and pig,
geld vnder the big.

37 Lerne wit fir dolt,
in gelding of colt.

38 Geld yong thy Allie,
else perish will ginnie.
Let gelding alone,
so large of bone.
By breathelie tits,
few profit hits.

39 Breed euer the best,
and dow off the rest.
Of long and large,
take huswife a charge.

40 Good cow and good ground,
yeelds yeerelie a pound.
Good farting sow,
holds profit with cow.

41 Who keepes but twaine,
the more may gaine.

42 Tieth fullie good garson,
else driue will the parson.

43 Thy garden twifallow,
strole hemlocke and mallow.

44 Like practise they prone,
that hops dow loue.

45 Now make and wand in,
trim bower to stand in.
leaue wadling about,
till arbor be out.

46 Who now sowes otes,
gets gold and grotes.
Who sowes in May,
gets little that way.

47 Go breake vp land,
get mattocke in hand.

Stub

Stub root so tough,
for breaking of plough.

48 What greater crime,
than losse of time.

49 Lay land for lease,
breake vp if ye please.
But fallow not yet,
that hast any wit.

50 Where drinke ye sowe,
good tilth bestowe.

51 Small profit is found,
by peeling of ground.

52 Land past the best,
cast vp the rest.

Thus endeth Januaries abstract, agreeing with Januaries husbandrie.

Other short remembrances.

Get pulling hooke firs,
for broome and firs.
Plucke broome, broome still,
cut broome, broome kill.

Broome pluckt by and by,
breake vp for rie.
Friend dingle thy hog,
or looke for a dog.

In casting prouide,
for seed late aside.
Get dong friend mine,
for stocke and vine.

If earth be not soft,
go dig it aloft.
For quamier get boots,
stub alders and roots.

Hop poles, wax scant,
for poles no plant.
Set chestnut and walnut,
set filberd and smalnut.

Peach plumtree and cherie,
yong bais and his berrie,
Or set their stone,
vnset leaue out none.

Sowe kirnels to beare,
of apple and peare.
All trees that beare gum,
set now as they cum.

Now set or remoue,
such stocks as ye loue.

Here ends Januaries short remembrances.

Of trees or roots to be set *or remooued.*

1 Apple trees of all sorts.
2 Apricocks.
3 Barberies.
4 Bullesse blacke and white.
5 Cheries red and blacke.
6 Chestnuts,
7 Cornet plums.
8 Damsens white & black.
9 Filberds red and white.
10 Gooseberies.
11 Grapes white and red.
12 Greene or grasse plums.
13 Hurtleberies.
14 Medlers or Warles.
15 Mulberies.
16 Peaches white and red.
17 Peares of all sorts.
18 Perarplums blacke and yellow.

19 Quince

19 Quince trées.
20 Kespis.
21 Kelsons.
22 Small nuts.
23 Strawberies red and white the bor and bale.
24 Seruice trees.
25 Walnuts.
26 Wardens white and red.
27 Wheat plums.

Now let ye may,
Hawthorne and paim,
for clothes trim.

¶ Ianuaries husbandrie.

Cap. 32.

A kindlie good Ianiuére,
Frésleth pot by the fére.
Forgotten month past,
Dun now at the last.

Husbandly lessons.

1 WHen Christmas is ended bid feasting adue,
go play the good husband, thy stocke to renue:
Be mindfull of rearing, in hope of a gaine,
dame profit shall giue thee, reward for thy paine.

2 Who both by his calfe, and his lambe will be knowne,
may well kill a neat, and a sheepe of his owne:
And he that can reape vp, a pig in his house,
hath cheper his bakon, and sweeter his souse.

3 Who eateth his veale, pig and lambe being froth,
shall twise in a weeke, go to bed without broth:
Unskilfull that passe not, but sell awaie sell,
shall neuer haue plentie, where euer they dwell.

4 Be grædie in spending, and careless to saue,
and shortlie be nædie, and readie to craue:
Be wilfull to kill, and vnskilfull to store,
and looke for no foison, I tell thæ before.

5 Laie dirt vpon heaps, faire yard to be seene,
if frost will abide it, to feeld with it cleene:
In winter a fallow, some loue to bestowe,
where pease for the pot, they intend for to sowe.

6 In making or mending, as needeth thy ditch,
get set to quicke set it, learne cunninglie whitch:
In hedging (where claie is) get stake as ye knowe,
of popler and willow, for tewell to growe.

7 Leaue

7 Leaue killing of conie, let do go to bucke,
and vermine thy burrow, for feare of ill lucke:
Feed doue (no more killing) old doue-house repaire,
saue doue-dong for hop yard, when house ye make faire.

8 Dig starden strop mallow, now may ye at ease,
and set (as a daintie) thy runciuall pease: ¶ Runciuall peason.
Go cut and set roses, choose aptly the plot,
the rootes of the yongest, are best to be got.

9 In time go and bargaine, least worser ye fall,
for fewell for making, for cartage and all:
To buie at the stub, is the best for the briefer,
more timely prouision, the cheaper is fire.

10 Some burneth a lode, at a time in his hall,
some neuer leaue burning, till burnt they haue all:
Some making of hallocke, without anie wit,
mak manie poore soules, without fire to sit.

11 If frost do continue, this lesson doth well,
for comfort of cattell, the fewell to fell:
From euerie tree, the superfluous bowes,
now prune for thy neat, thereupon to go bowes.

12 In pruning and trimming, all maner of trees,
reserue to ech cattell, their properlie fees:
If snowe do continue, sheepe hardly that fare,
craue Wistle and Iuie, for them for to spare.

13 Now lop for thy fewell, old pollenger growne,
that hinder the corne, or the grasse to be mowne:
In lopping and felling, saue edder and stake,
thine hedges as needeth, to mend or to make.

14 In lopping old Iochan, for feare of mishap,
one bough staie vnlopped, to cherish the sap:
The second yeere after, then boldly ye may,
for driping his fellowes, that bough cut away.

15 Lop popler and sallow, elme maple and pie,
well saued from cattell, till Summer to lie: The pro: perties of soft wood.
So far as in lopping, their tops ye do fling,
so far without planting, yong copie will spring.

16 Such

16 Such fewell as standing, a late ye haue bought,
now fell it and make it, and dow as ye ought:
Giue charge to the hewers (that many things mars)
to hew out foꝛ crotches, foꝛ poles and foꝛ spars.

17 If hoppyard oꝛ oꝛchard, ye mind foꝛ to haue,
foꝛ hop poles and crotches, in lopping go saue:
Which husbandrie saued, may serue at a push,
and stop by so hauing, two gaps with a bush.

18 From Christmas, till Maie be well entered in,
some catteli wax faint, and looke poꝛelie and thin:
And cheefelie when pꝛime grasse, at first dooth appeere,
then most is the danger, of all the whole yeere.

A medicine foꝛ faint sattell.

19 Take bergis and heat it, a pint foꝛ a cow,
bay salt a handfull, to rub toung ye wot how:
That doone with the salt, let hir dꝛinke off the rest,
this many times raiseth, the feeble vp best.

To fasten loose teeth in a bullock

20 Poꝛe bullocke with bꝛowsing, and naughtilie fed,
scarse feedeth, hir teeth be so loose in hir hed:
Then slise ye the taile, where ye feele it so soft,
with soot and with garlike, bound to it aloft.

21 By bꝛembles and bushes, in pasture too full,
poꝛe sheepe be in danger, and looseth their woll:
Gwes vpon eaning. Now therefoꝛe thine ewe, vpon lamming so neere,
desireth in pasture, that all may be cleere.

22 Leaue grubbing oꝛ pulling, of bushes (my sonne)
till timelie thy fenses, require to be donne:
Then take of the best, foꝛ to furnish thy turne,
and home with the rest, foꝛ the fire to burne.

23 In euerie greene, if the fense be not thine,
now stub vp the bushes, the grasse to be fine:
Least neighbour dow dailie, so hacke them beliue,
that neither thy bushes, noꝛ pasture can thꝛiue.

24 In ridding of pasture, with turfes that lie by,
fill euerie hole vp, as close as a die:
The labour is little, the pꝛofit is gay,
what euer the loitering labourers say.

25 The

25 The ſticks and the ſtones, go and gather vp cleene,
for hurting of ſieth, or for harming of greene:
For feare of Hew prowler, get home with the reſt,
when froſt is at hardeſt, then cariage is beſt.

26 Yoong hoome or good paſture, thy ewes doo require, Yoong lambs.
warme barth and in ſafetie, their lambs doo deſire:
Looke often well to them, for foxes and dogs,
for pits and for hambels, for vermin and hogs.

27 More daintie the lambe, more worth to be ſold,
the ſooner the better, for ewe that is old:
But if ye doo mind, to haue milke of the dame,
till May doo not ſeuer, the lambe fro the ſame.

28 Ewes yearelie by twinning, rich maiſters doo make,
the lambe of ſuch twinners, for breeders go take:
For twinlings be twiggers, increaſe for to bring,
though ſome for their twigging, Peccaui may ſing.

29 Calues liklie that come, betweene Chriſtmas & Lent, Rearing of calues.
take huſwife to reare, or elſe after repent:
Of ſuch as doo fall, betweene change and the prime,
no rearing but ſell, or go kill them in time.

30 Houſe calfe and go ſuckle it, twiſe in a day,
and after a while, ſet it water and hay:
Stake ragged to rub on, no ſuch as will bend,
then weane it well tended, at fiftie daies end.

31 The ſenior weaned, his yonger ſhall teach,
how both to drinke water, and hay for to reach:
More ſtroken and made of, when ought it doth aile,
more gentle ye make it, for yoke or the paile.

32 Geld bull calfe and ram lambe, as ſoone as they fall, Of gelding.
for therein is lightlie, no danger at all:
Some ſpareth the tone, for to pleaſure the eie,
to haue him ſhew greater, when butcher ſhall bie.

33 Sowes readie to farrow, this time of the yeare,
are for to be made of, and counted full deare:
For now is the loſſe, of the far of the ſow,
more great than the loſſe, of two calues of thy cow.

¶ Rearing of pigs.

34 Of one sow togither, reare few aboue fiue,
and those of the faireſt, and likelieſt to thriue:
Ungelt of the beſt, kæpe a couple for store,
one boye pig and sow pig, that sucketh before.

¶ A way to haue large breed of hogs.

35 Who hath a desire, to haue stoye verie large,
at Whitsontide, let him giue huſwife a charge:
To reare of a sow at once, onlie but three,
and one of them also, a boye for to be.

¶ Gelding time.

36 Geld vnder the dam, within fortnight at leaſt,
and saue both thy monie, and life of the beaſt:
Geld later with gelders, as manie one doo,
and looke of a doozen, to geld awaie two.

37 Thy colts for the saddle, geld yoong to be light,
for cart doo not so, if thou iudgeſt aright:
Nor geld not, but when they be luſtie and fat,
for there is a point to be learned in that.

38 Geld fillies (but tits) yer a nine daies of age,
they die elſe of gelding, (or gelders doo rage:)
Yoong fillies so likelie, of bulke and of bone,
kæpe ſuch to be breeders, let gelding alone.

Reare the faireſt of all things

39 For gaining a trifle, ſell ouer thy stoye,
what ioy to acquaintance, what pleasureth moye?
The larger of bodie, the better for breed,
moye forward of growing, the better they speed.

¶ Of cow and sow.

40 Good milchcow well fed, that is faire and sound,
is yeerlie for profit, as good as a pound:
And yet by the yeere, haue I proued yer now,
as good to the purſſe, is a sow as a cow.

¶

41 Kæpe one and kæpe both, with as little a coſt,
then all shall be saued and nothing be loſt:
Both hauing togither, what profit is caught,
good huſwiues (I warrant ye) need not be taught.

¶

42 For lambe, pig and calfe, and for other the like,
tithe so as thy catteil, the Lord doo not ſtrike:
Or if ye deale guileſullie, parſon will greue,
and so to your ſelfe, a worſe turne ye may geue.

43 Thy

43 Thy garden plot latelie, well trenched and muckt,
would now be twifallowd, the mallows cut pluckt:
Well clenſed and purged, of root and of ſtone,
that fault therein afterward, found may be none.

44 Remember thy hoppard, if ſeaſon be dyſe,
now dig it and wæd it and ſo let it lie: Wæding of hoppard.
Moze fennie the laier, the better his luſt,
moze apt to beare hops, when it crumbles like duſt.

45 To arboz begun, and quicke ſetted about,
no powling noz wadling, till ſet be far out:
Foz rotten and aged, may ſtand foz a ſhew,
but hold to their tackling, there dow but a few.

46 In Januarie, huſband that poucheth the grotes, Sowing of otes.
will breake vp his laie, oz be ſowing of otes:
Otes ſowne in Januarie, laie by the wheat,
in May by the hay, foz the cattell to eat.

47 Let ſeruant be readie, with mattocke in hand,
to ſtub out the buſhes, that noieth the land:
And cumberſome roots, ſo annoieng the plough,
turne vpward their arſes, with ſozrow inough.

48 Who breaketh vp timelie, his fallow oz lay, Breaking vp lay in ſome countrie.
ſets foꝛward his huſbandrie, manie a waie:
This trimlie well ended, doth foꝛwardlie bring,
not onlie thy tillage, but all other thing.

49 Though lay land ye break vp when Chriſtmas is gon,
foz ſowing of barlie, oz otes therevpon:
Yet haſt not to fallow, till march be begun,
leaſt afterward wiſhing, it had bene vndun.

50 Such land as ye breake vp, foz barlie to ſowe,
two earths at the leaſt, yer ye ſowe it beſtowe:
If land be thereafter, ſet oting apart,
and follow this leſſon, to comfoꝛt thine hart.

51 Some breaking vp lay, ſoweth otes to begin,
to ſucke out the moiſture, ſo ſower therein:
Yet otes with hir ſucking, a peeler is found,
both ill to the maiſter, and woꝛſe to ſome ground.

52 Land arable, driuen or worne to the prowfe,
it craueth fame reft, for thy profits behowfe:
With otes ye may fow it, the fonner to grafle,
more fome to be pafture, to bring it to paffe.

Thus endeth Januaries husbandry.

¶ Februaries abstract.

Chap. 33.

LAy compas inow,
yer euer ye plow.

2 Place dung heaps alowe,
more barlie to growe.

3 Eat erch or ys plow,
with yog, fheepe and cow.
Sowe linfals ye may,
and peafon gray.
Kéepe white vnfowne,
till more be knowne.

4 Sowe peafe good trull,
the mome paft full.
Fine fédes then fowe,
whilft mone doth growe.

5 Boy follow the plough,
and harrow inough.
So harrow ye fhall,
till couerd be all.

6 Sowe peafe not too thin,
yer plough ye fet in.

7 Late fowne foze noteth,
late ripe hog froieth.

8 Some prouender faue,
for plowhoffe to haue.
to oxen that drawe,
giue haie and not ftrawe.
To ftéeres ye may,
mixe ftraw with hay.

9 Much carting ill tillage,
makes fome to flie village.

10 Vfe cattell aright,
to kéepe them in plight.

11 Good quickfet hie,
old gatherd will die.

12 Sticke bows a rowe,
where tunciuals growe.

13 Sowe kirnels and hawe,
where redge ye did drawe.

14 Sowe muftard féed,
and helpe to kill wéed.
where fets do growe,
fée nothing ye fowe.

15 Cut vines and olier,
plafh hedge of inclofure.
Féed highlie thy fwan,
to loue hir good man.
Neft high I aduife,
leaft floud do arife.

16 Land medow fpare,
there dung is good ware.

17 Go ftrike off the nowles,
of deluing mowles.
Such hillocks in vaine,
late leuelled plaine.

18 To wet the land,
let mowle hill ftand.

19 Poore

19 Yoze cattell craue,
some shift to haue.

20 Low little glueth,
that hardlie liueth.

21 Kid barlie all now,
clene forth thy mow.
choice seed out drawe,
saue cattle for straw

22 To coast man ride,
lent stuffe to prouide.

Thus endeth Februaries abstract, agréeing with Februaries husbandrie.

Other short remembrances.

Trench medow and redge,
dike quickset and hedge.
To plots not full,
ad bremble and hull.

Let wheat and the rie,
for thresher still lie.
Such straw some saue,
for thacker to haue.

Yoze cunnie so bagged,
is some ouerlagged.
Plash burrow, set clapper,
for dog is a snapper.

God slight who loues,
must feed their doues.
Bid hauking adew,
cast hawke into mew.

Kéepe sheepe out of briers,
keepe beasts out of miers.
Keepe lambes from for,
else shepherd go bor.

God neighbor mine,
now yoke thy swine.
Now euerie daie,
set hops ye may.

Now set for thy pot,
best herbs to be got.
For flowers go set,
all sorts ye can get.

As winter doth prowe,
so may ye remoue.
Now all things reare,
for all the yeare.

Watch ponds, go looke,
to weeles and hooke.
Knaues seld repent,
to steale in lent.

Alls fish they get,
that commeth to net.
Who mucke regards,
makes hillocks in yards.

Héere ends Februaries short remembrances.

¶ Februaries husbandry.

Chap. 34.

Februarie fill the dike,
with that thou dost like.

Forgotten month past,
Do now at the last.

WHo laieth on doong, yer he laieth on plow,
such husbandrie vseth, as thrift doth allow:
One month yer ye spred it, so still let it stand,
yer euer to plow it, ye take it in hand.

2 Plant downg heape alow, by the furrow along,
where water all winter time, did it such wrong:
So make ye the land, to be lustie and fat,
and come thereon sowne, to be better for that.

3 Go plow in the stubble, for now is the season,
for sowing of fitches, of beanes and of peason:
Sowe runcivals timelie, and all that be gray,
but sowe not the white, till S. Gregories day.

4 Sowe peason and beans, in the wane of the moone,
who soweth them sooner, he soweth to soone:
That they with the planet, may rest and arise,
and flourish with bearing, most plentifull wise.

5 Friend harrow in time, by some maner of meanes,
not onelie thy peason, but also thy beanes:
Unharrowed die, being buried in clay,
where harrowed flourish, as flowers in May.

6 Both peason and beans, sowe afore ye downplow,
the sooner ye harrow, the better for yow:
White peason so good, for the purse and thy pot,
let them be well used, else well dow ye not,

7 Have eie unto harvest, what euer ye sowe,
for feare of mischances, by riping to slowe:
Least corne be destroied, contrarie to right,
by hogs or by cattell, by day or by night.

8 Good prouender, labouring horses would haue,
good hay and good plentie, plow oxen dow craue:
To hale out thy mucke, & to plow out thy ground,
or else it may hinder thee, manie a pound.

9 Who slacketh his tillage, a starter to be,
for grote got abroad, at home shall lose thee:
And so by his doing, he brings out of hart,
both land for the corne, and horse for the cart

10 Who abuseth his corne, and starues them for meat,
by carting or plowing, his gaine is not great,
Where he that moderate, can vse them aright,
hath gaine to his content, and cattle in plight

11 Buy quicklet at market, new gathered and small,
buy bushes or willowe, to fence it withall:
Set willows to growe, in the stead of a stake,
for cattle in summer, a shadowe to make.

12 Sticke plentie of bowes, among your russhall pease,
to climber thereon, and to branch at their ease:
So dooing more tender, and greater they wex,
if peacocke and turkey, leaue lobbing their hex. ¶ Remedy against peason.

13 Now sowe and go harrowe where redge ye did mowe,
the seed of the bramble, with kernell and hawe:
Which couered ouerlie, soone to shut out,
go see it be ditched, and fensed about.

14 Where banks be amended, and newlie vp cast,
sowe mustard seed, after a shower be past:
Where plots full of nettels, be noisome to eie,
sowe thereupon hempseed, and nettles will die.

15 The vines and the osiers, cut and go set,
if grape be vnpleasant, a better go get:
Feed swan, and go make hir vp stronglie a nest,
for feare of a flood, good and hie is the best.

16 Land medow that yearelie, is spared for hay,
now fense it and spare it, and dong it ye may:
Get mowlecatcher cunninglie mowle for to kill,
and harrow, and cast abroad euerie hill. Catching of mowles

17 Where medow or pasture, to mowe ye do lay,
let mowle be dispatched, some maner of waie:
Then cast abroad mowlhill, as flat as ye can,
for many commodities, following than.

18 If pasture by nature, is giuen to be wet,
then bare with the molehill, though thicke it be set:
That lambe may sit on it, and so to sit drie,
or else to lie by it, the warmer to lie.

19 Friend alwaie let this be, a part of thy care,
for shift of good pasture, lay pasture to spare:
So haue you good feeding, in bushets and lease
and quicklie safe finding, of cattell at ease.

20 Where cattell may run about, rouing at will,
from pasture to pasture, poore bellie to fill:
There pasture and cattell, both hungrie and bare,
for want of good husbandry, woorser doo fare.

21 Now thresh out thy barlie, for malt or for seed,
for breadcorne (if need be) to serue as shall need:
If worke for the thresher, ye mind for to haue,
of wheat and of mestlin, vnthreshed go saue.

22 Now timelie for Lent stuffe, thy mony disburse,
the longer ye tarrie, for profit the wurse:
If one penie vantage, be therein to saue,
of coastman or Flemming, be suer to haue.

Thus endeth Februaries husbandrie.

¶ Marches abstract. Chap. 35.

WHite peason sowe,
scare hungrie crowe.

2 Spare medow for hay,
spare marches at May.

3 Keepe sheep from dog,
keepe lambs from hog.
If fores mowse them,
then watch or howse them.

4 March drie or wet,
hop grounds go set.
Young rots well drest,
prooue euer best.
Grant hop great hill,
to growe at will.
From hop lang gut,
away go cut.

5 Here tearme the way,
hop roots to lay.

6 Roots best to proue,
thus set I loue.

7 Leaue spaces and roomes,
to hillocke to come.

8 Of hedge and willow,
hop makes his pillow.
Good bearing hop,
climes vp to the top.
Keepe hop from sun,
and hop is vndun.

9 Hop tooles procure,
that may indure.
Iron crowe like a stake,
deepe hole to make.
A scraper to pare,
the earth about bare.
A hone to raise root,
like sole of a boot.
Sharpe knife to cut,
superfluous gut.

10 Who grafting loues,
now grafting proues.

Of euerie suit,
graffe daintie fruit.
Graffe good fruit all,
or graffe not at all.

11 Graffe some may be lost,
both grafting and cost.
Learne here take heed,
what counsell doth breed.

12 Sowe barlie that can,
to some ye shall ban.
Let horsse keepe his owne,
till barlie be sowne.
Sowe euen thy land,
with plentifull hand.
Sowe ouer and vnder,
in clay is no wunder.

13 By sowing in wet,
is litle to get.

14 Straight follow the plow,
and harrow inow.
With sling go throwe,
go scare away crowe.

15 Rowle after a deaw,
when barlie doth sheaw.
More handsome to make it,
to mowe and to rake it.

16 Learne here ye may,
best harrowing way.

17 Now rowle thy wheat,
where clods be two great.

18 Make readie a plot,
for seeds for the pot.

19 Best searching minds,
the best waie finds.

20 For garden best,
is south southwest.

21 Good tilth brings seeds,
euill tilture weeds.

22 For summer sowe now,
for winter see how.

23 Learne time to knowe,
to set or sowe.

24 Young plants some die,
that growes to drie.

25 In countrie doth rest,
what season is best.

26 Good peason and leekes,
make pottage for creekes.

27 Haue some meat inough,
for cart and the plough.
Good poore mans fare,
is poore mans care.
And not to boast,
of sod and rost.

28 Cause rooke and rauen,
to seeke a new hauen.

Thus endeth Marches abstract, agreeing with Marches husbandrie.

Other short remembrances.

Gold lams now all,
straight as they fall.
Looke twise a day,
least lambs decay.
Where horsse did harrow,
put stones in barrow.
And lay them by,
in heaps on hy.
let ere once sat,
loose nothing of that.

Now

Now hunt with dog,
vnyoked hog.
With vowes good lucke,
reare goose and ducke.
To spare aright,
spare March his flight.

Seeds and herbs for the kitchen.

1 Auens.
2 Betonie.
3 Bleetes or Beetes, white or yellow.
4 Blodwort.
5 Buglos.
6 Burnet.
7 Burrage.
8 cabage remoue in June.
9 clarie.
10 coleworts.
11 cresses.
12 Endiue.
13 Fennell.
14 French malows.
15 French Saffron set in August.
16 Langdebéefe.
Leekes remoue in June.
Lettis remoue in may.
Longwort.
Liuerwort.
Marigolds often cut.
Mercurie.
Mints at all times.
Nep.
Onions from December to march.
Orach or arach, red and white.
Patience.
Parcelie.
Peneriall.
Primrose.
Pozet.
Rosemarie in the spring time to growe, south or west.
Sage red and white.
English saffron set in August.
Summer sauorie.
Sorell.
Spinage.
Suckerie.
Siethe.
Tansie.
Time.
Violets of all sorts.
Winter sauorie.

Herbs and roots for sallets and sauce.

Alexanders at all times.
Artichokes.
Blessed thistle, or Carduus benedictus.
cubumbers in Aprill and may.
cressus, sowe with Lettis in the spring.
Endiue.
Mustard seed, sowe in the spring and at michelmas.
Muske million, in Aprill and May.
Mints.
Purslane.

Radish

11 Radish, after remoue them.
12 Rampions.
13 Rokat in Aprill.
14 Sage.
15 Sorell.
16 Spinage for the summer.
17 Sea holie.
18 Sparage, let growe two yeares, and then remoue.
19 Skirrets, set these plants in March.
20 Suckerie.
21 Tarragon, set in slippes in March.
22 Violets of all colours.

These bide with the pene. Or looke not for anie.

1 Capers.
2 Lemmans.
3 Olives.
4 Orenges.
5 Rise.
6 Sampire.

Herbes and roots to boile or to butter.

1 Beans, set in winter.
2 Cabbages, sowe in Marche, and after remoue.
3 Carrets.
4 Citrons, sowe in may.
5 Gourds in Maie.
6 Nauews sowe in June.
7 Pompions in Maie.
8 Perseneps in winter.
9 Kunciuall pease set in winter.
10 Rapes sowe in June.
11 Turneps in March & Aprill.

Strowing hearbs of all sorts.

1 Basill sine and bushy, sowe in May.
2 Baulme in March.
3 Camomill.
4 Costmarie.
5 cowslips and pagles.
6 Daisies of all sorts.
7 Sweet fennell.
8 Germander.
9 Isop set in Februarie.
10 Lauender.
11 Lauender spike.
12 Lauender cotton.
13 Mariorum knotted, sowe or set at the spring.
14 Maudleine.
15 Penall riall.
16 Roses of all sorts in Januarie and September.
17 Red mints.
18 Sage.
19 Tansie.
20 Violets.
21 Winter sauorie.

Herbs, branches and flowers for windowes and pots.

1 Baies sowe or set in plantes in Januarie.
2 Batchelers buttons.
3 Bottels, blewe red and tawnie.
4 collumbines.
5 campions.
6 cowslips.
7 Dasfadondilies
8 Eglantine

8 Eglantine or sweet brier.
9 Fetherfew.
Flower armour sowe in May.
Flower de luce.
Flower gentle white and red.
Flower nice.
Gilleflowers red, white, and carnation, set in the spring, and at the harvest in pottes, pailes or tubs, or for Summer in beds.
Hollihockes, red, white, and carnation.
Indian eie, sowe in May, or set in slips in March.
Lauender of all sorts.
Larks fot.
Laus tibi.
Lilium conuallium.
Lillies red and white, sowe or set in Marche, and September.
Marigolds double.
Nigella Romana.
Paoncies or harts ease.
Pagles greene and yellow.
Pinks of all sorts.
Quænes gilleflowers.
Rosemarie.
Roses of all sorts
Snag dragons.
Sops in wine.
Sweet Williams
Sweet Johns.
Star of Bethelem.
Star of Jerusalem.
Stocke gilleflowers of all sorts.
Tuft gilleflowers.
Veluet flowers, or Frenche Marigolds.
Violets yellow and white.
Wall gilleflowers of all sorts.

Herbs to still in summer.

Blessed thistle.
Betonie.
Dill.
Endiue.
Eiebright.
Fennell.
Fumitorie.
Isop.
Pints.
Plantine.
Roses red and damaske.
Respies.
Saxifrage.
Strawberies.
Sorell.
Suckerie
Wodroffe for sweet waters and cakes.

Necessarie herbs to grow in the garden for physicke, not rehersed before.

Annis.
Archangell
Betonie.
Charuile.
Cinquile.
Cummin.
Dragons.

Dittanie

8 Dittanie or garden ginger.
9 Gromell seed for the stone.
10 Hartstong.
11 Horehound.
12 Louage for the stone.
13 Licoras.
14 Mandrake.
15 Mugwort.
16 Pionees.
17 Poppie.
18 Rew.
19 Rubarb.
20 Sinalach for swellings.
21 Saxifrage for the stone.
22 Saunie for the bots.
23 Stitchwort.
24 Valerian.
25 Woodbine.

Thus ends in breefe,
Of hearbs the cheefe.
To get more skill,
Read whom ye will.
Such mo to haue,
Of field go craue.

¶ Marches husbandrie.

Chap. 36.

March dust to be sold,
Worth ransome of gold.

Forgotten month past,
Dow now at the last.

1 WHite peason, both good for the pot and the purse,
by sowing too timelie, prooue often the wurse:
Because they be tender, and hateth the cold,
prooue March yer ye sow them, for being to bold.

2 Spare meadow at Gregorie, marshes at Paske,
for feare of drie Summer, no longer time aske:
Then hedge them and ditch them, bestow thereon pence,
corne, meadow and pasture, aske alway good fense.

3 Of mastiues and mungrels, that manie we see,
a number of thousands, too manie there bee:
Watch therefore in Lent, to thy sheepe go and looke,
for dogs will haue bittels, by hooke or by crooke.

In Lent haue an eie to sheep biters.

4 In March at the furdest, drie season or wet,
hop roots so well chosen, let skilfull go set:
The goeler and yonger, the better I loue,
well gutted and pared, the better they prooue.

Setting of hops.

5 Some laieth them crosswise, along in the ground,
as high as the knee, they dow couer vp round:
Some pricke vp a sticke, in the mids of the same,
that little round hillock, the better to frame.

6 Some

6 Some maketh a hollownes, halfe a foot deepe,
with foure sets in it, set slantwise asteepe:
One foot from another, in order to lie,
and thereon a hillocke, as round as a pie.

7 Fiue foot from another, ech hillocke would stand,
as streight, as a leueled line with the hand:
Let euerie hillocke, be fower foot wide,
the better to come to, on euerie side.

8 By willowes that groweth, thy hopyard without,
and also by hedges, thy medowes about:
Good hop hath a pleasure, to clime and to spread,
if sunne may haue passage, to comfort hir head.

Hop tooles

9 Get crowe made of iron, deepe hole for to make,
with crosse ouerthwart it, as sharpe as a stake:
A hone and a parer, like sole of a boot,
to pare awaie grasse, and to raise vp the root.

Grafting.

10 In March is good grafting, the skilfull doo knowe,
so long as the wind, in the East doo not blowe:
From moone being changed, till past be the prime,
for grafting and cropping, is verie good time.

11 Things grafted or planted, the greatest and least,
defend against tempest, the bird and the beast:
Defended shall prosper, the tother is lost,
the thing with the labour, the time and the cost.

12 Sowe barlie in March, in Aprill and May,
the later in sand, and the sooner in clay:
What worse for barlie, than wetnes and cold?
what better to skilfull, than time to be bold?

13 Who soweth his barlie, to soone or in raine,
of otes and of thistles, shall after complaine:
I speake not of May weed, cocle and such,
that noieth the barlie, so often and much.

14 Let barlie be harrowed, finelie as dust,
then workmanlie trench it, and fense it ye must:
This season well plied, set sowing an end,
and praise and pray God, a good haruest to send.

15 Some

15 Some rowleth their barlie, ſtrait after a raine,
when firſt it appeareth, to leuell it plaine:
The barlie ſo vſed, the better dooth growe,
and handſome ye make it, at haruell to mowe.

Rowling of barlie.

16 Otes, barlie and peaſe, harrow after ye ſowe,
for rie harrowe firſt, as alreadie ye knowe:
Leaue wheat little clod, for to couer the head,
that after a froſt, it may out and go ſpread.

17 If clod in thy wheat, will not breake with the froſt,
if now ye dow rowle it, it quiteth the coſt:
But ſee when ye rowle it, the weather be drie,
or elſe it were better, vnrolled to lie.

18 In March and in Aprill, from morning to night,
in ſowing and ſetting, good huſbandes delight:
To haue in a garden, or other like plot,
to trim vp their houſe, and to furniſh their pot.

¶ Gardening.

19 The nature of flowers, dame phyſicke dooth ſhew,
ſhe teacheth them all, to be knowne to a few:
To ſet or to ſowe, or elſe ſowne to remoue,
how that ſhould be practiſed, learne if ye loue.

¶

20 Land falling or lieng, full ſouth or ſouthweſt,
for profit by tillage, is lightlie the beſt:
So garden with orchard, and hoppard I find,
that want the like benefit, growe out of kind.

To know good land.

21 If field to beare corne, a good tillage dooth craue,
what thinke ye of garden, what garden would haue:
In field without coſt, be aſſured of weedes,
in garden be ſure thou loſeſt thy ſeedes.

¶

22 At ſpring for the ſummer ſowe garden ye ſhall,
at haruell for winter, or ſowe not at all:
Oft digging, remouing, and weeding ye ſee,
makes herbe the more holſome, and greater to bee.

¶

23 Time faire to ſowe, or to gather be bold,
but ſet or remoue, when the weather is cold:
Cut all thing or gather, the moone in the wane,
but ſowe in increaſing, or giue it his bane.

¶

24 Now

¶ 24 Now sets dow aske watering, with pot or with dish,
new sowne dow not so, if ye dow as I wish:
Through cunning with dible, rake mattoke and spade,
by line and by leauell, trim garden is made.

25 Who soweth too lateward, hath seldome good sæd,
who soweth too sowne, little better shall spæd:
Apt time and the season, so diuers to hit,
let aier and laier, helpe practise and wit.

¶ 26 Now lækes are in season, for pottage full good,
and spareth the milchcow, and purgeth the blood:
These hauing with peason, for pottage in Lent,
thou spares both otemell, and bread to be spent.

¶ 27 Though neuer so much, a good huswife doth care,
that such as dow labour, haue husbandlie fare:
Yet fæd them and cram them, till purse dow lacke chinke,
no spoone meat no bellie full, labourers thinke.

Destroie pies, rooks & rauens nests. &c.

28 Kill crowe, pie and cadow, rooke buzzard and rauen,
or else go desire them, to sæke a new hauen:
In scaling the youngest, to plucke off his becke,
beware how ye climber, for breaking your necke.

Thus endeth Marches husbandrie.

¶ Aprils abstract.

Chap. 37.

1 SOme champions laie,
to fallow in Maie.

2 When tilth plows breake,
poore cattell cries creake.

3 One daie yer ye plow,
spread compas inow.

4 Some fodder bieth,
in fen where it lieth.

5 Thou champion wight,
haue cowmeat for night.

6 Set hop his pole.
make deepe his hole.

7 First barke go sell,
yer timber ye fell.

8 Fense copie in,
yer hewers begin.

9 The straightest ye knowe,
for staddles let growe.

10 Crabtree preserue,
for plough to serue.

11 Get timber out,
yer yeare go about.

12 Som contry lack plowmeat
& some doo lacke cowmeat.

13 Small

13 Small commons and bare,
yeelds cattell ill fare.

14 Some common with géese,
and sheepe without fleese.
Some tits thither bring,
and hops without ring.

15 Some champions agree,
as waspe doth with bee.

16 Get swineheard for hog,
but kill not with dog.
Where swineherd doth lacke,
corne goeth to wracke.

17 All goes to the diuell,
where shepheard is euill.

18 Come home from land,
with stone in hand.

19 Man cow prouides,
wife dairie guides.

20 Slut Cisley vntaught,
hath whitemeat naught.

21 Some bringeth in gaines,
some losse beside paines.

22 Run Cisse fault knowne,
with more than thine owne.
Such mistres, such man,
such maister such man.

Thus endeth Aprils abstract, agréeing with Aprils husbandrie.

¶ Aprils husbandry.
Chap. 38.

Swéet Aprill showers,
Do spring May flowers.

Forgotten mouth past,
Do now at the last.

1 IN Cambridge-shire forward, to Lincolnshire way
the champion maketh his fallow in May:
Then thinking so doing, one tillage worth twaine,
by forcing of weed, by that meanes to refraine.

2 If Aprill be dripping, then do I not hate,
for him that hath little, his fallowing late:
Else otherwise fallowing, timelie is best,
for sauing of cattell, of plough and the rest.

3 Be sure of plough to be readie at hand,
yer compas ye spread, that on hillocks did stand:
Least drieng so lieng, doo make it decay,
yer euer much water doo wash it awaie.

4 Looke now to prouide ye, of medow for hay,
if fens be vndrowned, there chepest ye may:
In fen for the bullocke, for horsse not so well,
count best the bestchepe, whersoeuer ye dwell.

5 Prouide ye of rowmeat, for cattell at night,
and cheefelie where commons, lie far out of sight:
Where cattell be tied, without any meat,
that profit by dairie can neuer be great.

Put poles to your hops.

6 Get into thy hopyard, with plentie of poles,
among the lawe hillocks, diuide them by doles:
Thee poles to a hillocke (I passe not how long)
shall yeeld thee more profit, set deepelie and strong.

7 Sell barke to the tanner, yer timber ye fell,
cut low by the ground, or else doo ye not well:
In breaking saue crooked, for mill and for ships,
and euer in hewing, saue carpenters chips.

8 First see it well fensed, yer hewers begin,
then see it well stadled, without and within:
Thus being preserued, and husbandrie donne,
shall sooner raise profit, to thee or thy sonne.

Stadling of woods.

9 Leaue growing for stadles, the likest and best,
though seller and buier, dispatched the rest:
In bushes, in hedgrow, in groue and in wood,
this lesson obserued, is needfull and good.

10 Saue elme, ash and crabtree, for cart and for plough,
saue step for a stile, of the crotch of the bough:
Saue hazell for forks, saue sallow for rake,
saue huluer and thorne, thereof staffe for to make.

11 Make riddance of cariage, yer yeere go about,
for spoiling of plant, that is newlie come out:
To carter (with oxen) this message I bring,
leaue not ox abroad, for annoieng the spring.

12 Allowance of fodder, some countries do yeeld,
as good for the cattell, as haie in the feeld:
Some mowe vp their hedlonds, and plots among corne,
and driuen to leaue nothing, vnmowne or vnshorne.

13 Some commons are barren, the nature is such,
and some ouerlaieth, the commons to much:
The pestered commons, small profit doth giue,
and profit as little, some reape I beleeue.

14 Some

14 Some pester the commons, with iades & with geese,
with hog without ring, and with sheepe without fleese:
Some lose a daies labour, with seeking their owne,
some meet with a bootie they would not haue knowne.

15 Great troubles and losses, the champion sees,
and euer in wayling, as wasps amongst bees:
As charitie that way, appeareth but small,
so lesse be their winnings, or nothing at all.

16 Where champion wanteth, a swinheard for hog,
there many complaineth, of naughtie mans dog:
Where eche his owne keeper, appoints without care,
there corne is destroied, yet men be aware.

17 The land is well harted, with help of the fold,
for one or two crops, if so long it will hold:
If shepherd would keepe them, from stroieng of corne,
the walke of his sheepe, might the better be borne.

18 Where stones be too many, annoieng thy land,
make seruant come home, with a stone in his hand:
By dailie so doyng, haue plentie ye shall,
both handsome for pauing, and good for a wall.

19 From Aprill beginning, till Andrew be past,
so long with good huswife, hir dairie doth last:
Good milch kow and pasture, good husbands prouide,
the residue good huswiues, knowe best how to guide.

¶ Dairie matters.

20 Ill huswife vnskilfull, to make hir owne chees,
through trusting of others, hath this for hir fees
Hir milke pan and creame pot, so slabberd and foule,
that butter is wanting, and cheese is halfe loste.

21 Where some of a cow, doo raise yeerelie a pound,
with such fitte huswiues, no penie is found:
Then dairy maid Cisley hir salt being knowne,
alwaie apace trudgeth, with more than hir owne.

22 Then neighbour for Gods sake, if any you see,
good seruant for dairie house, waine hir to me:
Such maister such man, such mistresse such maid,
such husband and huswife, such house is araid.

¶ Ill huswiues sayings.

topping gests.

As wife that will, good hus band please,
Must shun with skill, such ghests as these.

So Cisse that serues, must marke this note:
What fault deserues, a brushed cote.

¶ Ten toppings ghests vnsent for.

Gebesie, Lots wife, and Argus his eies,
Tom piper, poore Cobler, and Lazarus thies:
Rough Esau, with Mandlin, and Gentiles that scrall,
With Bishop that burneth, thus know ye them all.

These toppinglie ghests, be in number but ten,
As welcome in dairie, as beares among men:
Which being described, take heed of ye shall,
For danger of afterclaps, after that fall.

¶ white and drie.

1 Gehezie his sickness, was whitish and drie,
such cheeses good Cisley, ye sloted to nie.

Too salt.

2 Leane lot with hir piller good Cisley alone,
much saltnes in white meat, is ill for the stone.

Ful of eies

3 If cheeses in dairie, haue Argus his eies.
tell Cisley the fault in hir huswiferie lies.

Houen.

4 Tom piper hath houen, and puffed vp cheeks,
if cheese be so houen, make Cisse to seeke crœkes.

Tough.

5 Poore Cobler he tuggeth his leatherlie trash,
if cheese abide tugging, tug Cisley a crash.

Ful of spots.

6 If Lazer so lothsome, in cheese be espied,
let baies amend Cisley, or shift hir aside.

Full of heares.

7 Rough Esau was hairie, from top to the sut,
if cheese so appeareth, call Cisley a slut.

Full of whey.

8 As Mawdlen wept, so would Cisley be dyest,
for whey in hir cheeses, not halfe inough pyest.

Full of Gentils.

9 If Gentils be scraling, call maggot the py,
if cheeses haue Gentils, at Cisse by and by.

Burnt to the pan.

10 Blesse Cisley (good mistres) that bushop doth ban,
for burning the milke, of hir cheese to the pan.

If thou (so oft beaten) amendest by this:
I will no more threaten, I promise thee Cis.

Thus

Thus dairie maid Cisley, rehearsed ye see,
what faults with good huswife, in dairie house be,
Of market abhorred, to household a grefe,
to maister and mistresse, as ill as a theefe.

Thus ends Aprils husbandrie.

¶ Maies abstract.

Chap. 39.

1 PVt lambe from ewe,
to milke a few.

2 Be not too bold,
to milke and to fold.

3 Fiue elues alowe,
to euerie cow,

4 Sheepe wrigling taile,
hath mads without faile.

5 Weate hard in the reed,
where house hath néed.

6 Leaue cropping from Maie,
to Michelmas daie.
Let Iuie be killed,
else trée will be spilled.

7 Now threshers warne,
to rid the barne.

8 Be sure of haie,
till the end of Maie.

9 Let sheepe fill flanke,
where corne is too ranke.
In woodland leuer,
in champion neuer.

10 To weeding awaie,
as soone as ye maie.

11 For corne here reed,
what naughtie weed.

12 Who wéeding slacketh,
good husbandrie lacketh.

13 Sowe bucke or branke,
that smels so ranke.

14 Thy branke go and sowe,
where barlie did growe.
The next crop wheat,
is husbandry neat.

15 Sowe pescods some,
for harueft to come.

15 Sowe hempe and flax,
that spinning lacks.

17 Teach hop to clime,
for now it is time.

18 Through fowles and wéeds
poore hop ill speeds.
Cut off or crop,
superfluous hop.
The titters or tine,
makes hop to pine.

19 Some raketh their wheat,
with rake that is great.
So titters and tine,
begotten out fine.

20 Now sets doo craue,
some weeding to haue.

 21 Now

21 Mowdraine as ye like,
both fen and dike.

22 Watch bées in Maie,
for swarming alwaie.
Both now and in June,
marke maister bées tune.

23 Twifallow thy land
least plough else stand

24 No longer tarrie,
out compas carrie.

25 Where need doth pray it,
there see ye laie it.

26 Set Jacke and Jone,
to gather vp stone.

27 To grasse with thy calues,
take nothing to halues.

28 Be sure thy neat,
haue water and meat

29 By tainting of ground,
destruction is found.

30 now cariage get,
home fewell to fet. S. Hee-
Tell fagot and billet, lēs day.
for filching gillet. August.

31 In summer for firing,
let rifle be buieng.
Marke cullíars packing,
least coles be lacking.
See opened facke,
for two in a packe.

32 Let nodding patch,
go sleepe a snatch.

33 Wise as you will,
now plie your still.

34 Fine basell sowe,
in a pot to growe.
Fine séeds sow now
before ye saw how.

35 Kéepe or from cow,
for caules inow.

Thus endeth Maies abstract, agreeing with Maies husbandrie.

Other short remembrances.

From bull cow fast,
till Crowchmas be past.
From heifer bull bid ther,
till Lammas bid thes.

Heere ends Maies short remembrances.

Maies husbandry.

Chap. 40.

Cold Maie and windie,
Warne filleth vp finelie.

Forgotten month past,
Dow now at the last.

1 AT Philip and Jacob, away with the lambs,
that thinkest to haue any milke of their dams:
At Lammas leaue milking, for feare of a thing,
least Requiem æternam in winter they sing.

2 To milke and to fold them, is much to require,
except ye haue pasture to fill their desire:
Yet manie by milking, such heed they dow take,
not hurting their bodies, much profit dow make.

3 Kine

3 Fiue ewes to a cow, make profe by a score,
shall double thy dairie, else trust me no more:
Yet may a good huswife, that knoweth the skill,
haue mixt or vnmixt, at hir pleasure and will.

4 If sheepe or thy lambe fall a wrigling with taile,
go by and by search it, whiles helpe may preuaile:
That barbarly handled, I dare thee assure,
cast dust in his arse, thou hast finisht the cure.

5 Where houses be reæd (as houses haue neæd)
now pare off the mosse, and go beat in the reæd:
The iuster ye driue it, the smoother and plaine,
more handsome ye make it, to shut off the raine.

From May till October, leaue cropping, for why:
in woodsere, whatsoeuer thou croppest shall die:
Where Iuie imbraceth the treæ verie sore,
kill Iuie, else treæ will addle no more.

7 Keepe threshing for thresher, till may be come in,
to haue to be sure, fresh chaffe in the bin:
And somewhat to scamble, for hog and for hen,
and worke when it raineth, for loitering men.

8 Be sure of haie, and of prouender some,
for labouring cattell, till pasture be come:
And if ye dow mind, to haue nothing to sterue,
haue one thing or other, for all chinges to serue.

Count store no sore.

9 Ground compassed well, a following yeare,
(if wheat or thy barly, tow ranke dow appeare:)
Now eat it with sheepe, or else mowe it you may,
for ledging, and so, to the birdes for a pray.

10 In Maie get a weedhooke, a crotch and a gloue,
and weed out such weeds, as the corne doth not loue:
For weeding of winter corne, now it is best,
but June is the better for weeding the rest.

¶ Weéding.

11 The Maie weed doth burne, and the thistle doth freat
the fitches pull downward, both rie and the wheat:
The brake and the cockle, be noisome too much,
yet like vnto boddle, no weed there is such.

12 Slacke neuer thy weeding, for dearth nor for cheape,
the corne shall reward it, yer euer ye reape:
And specially where ye doo trust for to seed,
let that be well vsed, the better to speed.

13 In Maie is good sowing, thy bucke or thy branke,
that blacke is as pepper, and smelleth so ranke:
It is to thy land, as a comfort or mucke,
and all things it maketh, as fat as a bucke.

14 Sowe bucke after barlie, or after thy wheat,
a pecke too a rood (if the measure be great)
Three earths see ye gine it, and sowe it aboue,
and harrow it finelie, if bucke ye doo loue.

15 Who pestods would gather, to haue with the lask,
to serue for his household, till haruest be pask:
Must sowe them in Maie, in a corner ye shall,
where through so late growing, no hindrance may fall.

¶ Sowing of flax and hempe.

16 Good flax and good hempe, for to haue of hir owne,
in May a good huswife, will see it be sowne:
And afterward trim it, to serue at a need,
the fimble to spin, and the karle for hir seed.

17 Get into thy hoppard, for now it is time,
to teach Robin hop, on his pole how to clime:
To follow the sunne, as his propertie is,
and weed him and trim him, if aught go amis.

18 Grasse, thistle and mustard seed, hemblocke and bur,
tine, mallow and nettle, that keepe such a stur:
With peacocke and turkie, that nibbles off top,
are verie ill neighbours, to seelie poore hop.

19 From wheat go and rake out, the titters or tine,
if eare be not forth, it will rise againe fine:
Use now in thy rie, little raking or none,
breake tine from his root, and so let it alone.

Weeding of quickset

20 Banks newlie quickselled, some weeding doo craue,
the kindlier nourishment, thereby for to haue:
Then after a shower, to weeding a snatch,
more easilie weed, with the root to dispatch.

21 The

21 The fen and the quamire, ſo mariſh by kind,
and are to be drained, now win to the mind:
Which yærelie vndrained, and ſuffered vncut,
annoieth the medows, that thereon dw but.

22 Take hæd to thy bees, that are readie to ſwarme,
the loſſe thereof now, is a crowns worth of harme:
Let ſkilfull be readie, and diligence ſæne,
leaſt being too careleſſe, thou loſeſt thy bæne.

¶ Swarming of bees.

23 In Maie at the furtheſt, twifallow thy land,
much drout may elſe after, cauſe plough for to ſtand:
This tilth being donne, ye haue paſſed the worſt,
then after who ploweth, plow thou with the furſt.

24 Twifallow once ended, get tumbrell and man,
and compas that fallow, as ſoone as ye can:
Let ſkilfull beſtow it, where næd is vpon,
more profit the ſooner, to follow thereon.

25 Hide hedlonds with mucke, if ye will to the knees,
ſo dripped and ſhadowed, with buſhes and trees:
Bare plots full of galles, if ye plow ouerthwart,
and compaſſe it then, is a huſbandlie part.

26 Let children be hired, to laie to their bones,
from fallow as nædeth, to gather vp ſtones:
What wiſdome for profit, aduiſeth vntw,
that huſband and huſwife, muſt willinglie dw.

27 To graſſe with thy calues, in ſome medow plot nēere,
where neither their mothers, may ſæ them nor hære:
Where water is plentie, and barth to ſit warme,
and looke well vnto them, for taking of harme.

28 Pinch neuer thy wennels, of water or meat,
if euer ye hope, for to haue them good neat:
In ſummer time dailie, in winter in froſt,
if cattell lacke drinke, they be vtterlie loſt.

Let not cattell want water.

29 For coueting much, ouerlaie not thy ground,
and then ſhall thy cattell be luſtie and ſound:
But pinch them of paſture, while ſummer dooth laſt,
and lift at their tailes, yer a winter be paſt.

30 Get

30 Get home with thy fewell, made readie to fet,
the ſoonet the ealier, carriage to get:
Or otherwiſe linger, the carriage thereon,
till (where as ye left it) a quarter be gon.

Husbandrie for citizens.

31 His firing in ſummer, let citizen buie,
leaſt buieng in winter, make purſſe for to crie:
For carman and collier, harps both on a ſtring,
in winter they caſt, to be with thee to bring,

32 From Maie to mid Auguſt, an hower or two,
let patch ſleepe a ſnatch, how ſoeuer ye dow:
Though ſleeping one houre, refreſheth his ſong,
yet truſt not Hob growthed, for ſleeping too long.

¶

33 The knowledge of ſtilling, is one prettie feat,
the waters be holeſome, the charges not great:
What timely thou getteſt, while ſummer doth laſt,
thinke winter will helpe thee, to ſpend it as faſt.

34 Fine hazell deſireth, it may be hir lot,
to grow as a gillowflower, trim in a pot:
That ladies and gentils, for whom ye doo ſerue,
may helpe hir as needeth, poore life to preſerue.

35 Keepe or from thy cow, that to profit would go,
leaſt cow be deceiued, by or doing ſo:
And thou recompenſed, for ſuffering the ſame,
with want of a calfe, and cow to war lame.

Thus endeth Julies husbandrie.

¶ Iunes abſtract.

Chap. 41.

1 WAlh ſheep for to ſhare
as ſheep may go bare

2 Though fleece ye take,
no patches make.

3 Share lambes no whit,
or ſhare not yit.

4 If medow be growne,
let medow be mowne.

5 Plow erlie ye may,
and then carrie hay.

6 Tis good to be knowne,
to haue all of thine owne.
Who goeth a borrowing,
goeth a ſorrowing.

7 See cart in plight,
and all thinges right.

8 Wake

8 Make dyke ouerhed,
both hoüell and shed.

9 Of hoüell make stacke,
for pease on his backe.

10 In champion soyle,
wants elbow roome.

11 Let wheat and rie,
in house lie drie.

12 Buie turfe and sedge,
or else breake hedge.

13 Good storehouse needfull,
well ordered speedfull.

14 Thy barnes repaire,
make flower faire.

15 Such shrubs as noie,
in summer destroie.

16 Swing brembles & brakes,
get forks and rakes.

17 Spare hedlonds some,
till harvest come.

18 Cast ditch and pond,
to laie vpon lond.

A lesson of hop-yard.

19 Where hops will growe,
here learne to knowe.
Hops manie will come
in a rod of roome.

20 Hops hate the land,
with grauell & sand.

21 The rotten mould,
for hop is worth gold.

22 The sunne southwest,
for hopyard is best.

23 Hop plot once found,
now dig the ground.

24 Hops fauoreth malt
hops thrift doth exalt
Of hops more reed,
as time shall need.

Thus endeth Iunes abstract, agreeing with Iunes husbandrie.

¶ Iunes husbandrie.

Chap. 22.

Calme wether in June,
Corne lets in tune.

Forgotten month past,
Dow now at the last.

1 WAsh sheep for the better where water doth run,
and let him go cleanlie, and drie in the sunne:
Then share him and spare not, at two daies an end,
the sooner the better, his corps will amend.

2 Reward not thy sheep, when ye take off his cote,
with twitches and patches, as brode as a grote:
Let not such vngentlenesse, happen to thine,
least flie with hir gentils, dow make it to pine.

3 Let

3 Let lambs go vnclipped, till June be halfe worne,
the better the fleeces, will grow to be shorne:
The Pie will discharge thee, for pulling the rest,
the lighter the sheepe is, then feedeth it best.

4 If meadow be forward, be mowing of some,
but now as the makers, may well ouercome:
Take heed to the weather, the wind and the skie,
if danger approcheth, then cocke apace crie.

5 Plough earlie till ten a clocke, then to thy hay,
in plowing and carting, so profit ye may:
By little and little, thus doing ye win,
that plough shall not hinder, when haruest comes in.

6 Prouide of thine owne, to haue all things at hand,
least worke and the workman, vnoccupide stand:
Loue seldome to borrow, that thinkest to saue,
for he that once lendeth, twise loketh to haue.

7 Let cart be well searched, without and within,
well clouted and greased, yer hay time begin:
Thy haie being caried, though carter had sworne,
carts border well bored, is sauing of corne.

8 Good husbands that laie, to saue all things vpright,
for tumbrels and cart, haue a shed readie dight:
Where vnder the hog, may in winter lie warme,
to stand so inclosed, as wind do no harme.

A houell is set vpon crotches & couered with pols and straw.

9 So likewise a houell, will serue for a roome,
to stacke on the pease, when haruest shall come:
And serue thee in winter, moreouer then that,
to shut vp thy porklings thou mindest to fat.

10 Some barnroome haue little, and yardroome as much,
yet corne in the field, apperteineth to such:
Then houels and rikes, they are forced to make,
abroad or at home, for necessities sake.

11 Make sure of breadcorne of all other graine,
lie drie and well loked too, for mouse and for raine:
Though fitches and pease, and such other as they,
(for pestring too much) on a houell ye ley.

12 With

12 With whins or with furzes, thy houell renew,
for turfe and for fedge, for to bake and to brew.
For charcole and ſeacole, as alſo for thacke,
for tall wood and billet, as yeerelie ye lacke.

13 What huſhandlie huſbands, except they be fooles,
but handſome haue ſtorehouſe, for trinkets and tooles? The huſbandlie ſtorehouſe.
And all in good order, faſt locked to ly,
what euer is needfull, to finde by and by.

14 Thy houſes and barns would be looked vpon,
and all things amended, yer harueſt come on:
Things thus ſet in order, in quiet and reſt,
ſhall further thy harueſt, and pleaſure thee beſt.

15 The bruſhes and thorne, with the ſhrubs that deo noy,
in woodſere or ſummer, cut downe to deſtroy:
But whereas as decaie, to the tree ye will none,
for danger in woodſere, let hacking alone.

16 At midſummer downe with the brembles and brakes,
and after abroad, with thy forkes and thy rakes:
Set mowers a mowing, where medow is growne,
the longer now ſtanding, the worſe to be mowne.

17 Now downe with the graſſe, vpon hedlonds about,
that groweth in ſhadow, ſo ranke and ſo ſtout:
But graſſe vpon hedlond, of barlie and peaſe,
when harueſt is ended, go mowe if ye pleaſe.

18 Such muddie deepe ditches, and pits in the field,
that all a drie ſummer, no water will yeeld:
By fieng and caſting, that mud vpon heapes,
commodities manie, the huſbandman reapes.

A leſſon where and when to plant *good Hopyard.*

19 Whom fanſie perſuadeth, among other crops,
to haue for his ſpending, ſufficient of hops:
Muſt willinglie follow, of choiſes to chuſe,
ſuch leſſons approued, as ſkilfull doo vſe.

20 Ground

Naught for hops.

20 Ground grauellie, sandie, and mixed with clay,
is naughtie for hops, anie manner of way:
Or if it be mingled with rubbish and stone,
for drinesse and barrennesse, let it alone.

Seed for hops.

21 Chuse soile for the hop, of the rottenest mould,
well donged and wrought, as a garden plot should:
Not far from the water (but not ouerflowne)
this lesson well noted, is meet to be knowne.

22 The sunne in the south, or else southlie and west,
is ioy to the hop, as a welcommed ghest:
But wind in the north, or else northerlie east,
to hop is as ill, as a fray in a feast.

23 Wet plot for a hoppard, once found as is told,
make thereof account, as of iewell of gold:
Now dig it and leaue it, the sunne for to burne,
and afterward fense it, to serue for that turne.

The praise of hops.

24 The hop for his profit, I thus do exalt,
it strengtheneth drinke, and it fauoreth malt:
And being well hued, long kept it will last,
and drawing abide, if ye draw not too fast.

¶ Iulies abstract.

Cap. 43.

1 GOd sirs and away,
to ted and make hay.
If stormes drawnie,
then cocke apace cry.

2 Let haie still abide,
till well it be tride.
Hay made awaie carrie,
no longer then tarrie,

3 Who best way titheth,
he best waie thriueth.

4 Two good hay makers,
worth twentie crakers.

5 Let dallops about,
be mowne and had out.
See hay do looke greene,
see field ye rake cleene.

6 Thy fallow I pray thee,
least thistles bewraie thee.

7 Cut off good wife,
ripe beane with a knife.

8 Ripe hempe out pull,
from carle to pull.
Let seed hemp growe,
till moze ye knowe.

9 Who

9 Drie flar get in,
for spinners to spin.
Now mowe or plucke,
thy branke or bucke.

10 Some wormwood saue,
for Warch to haue.

11 Warke Physicke true,
of wormewood and rue.
Get grist to the mill,
for wanting at will.
Thus endeth Iulies aduise, agreeing with Iulies husbandrie.

¶ Iulies husbandry.

Chap. 44.

No tempest good Iulie,
Least corne loke rulie.

Forgotten month past,
Do now at the last.

1 GO muster thy seruants, be captaine thy selfe,
pouilding them weapon, and other like pelfe: Hay haruest.
Get bottels and wallets, keepe field in the heat,
the feare is as much, as the danger is great.

2 With tossing and raking and setting on cor,
grasse lateste in swaths, is hay for an or:
That doone go and cart it, and haue it awaie,
the battell is fought, ye haue gotten the daie.

3 Pay iustlie thy tithes, whatsoeuer thou be, Pay thy tithes.
that God may in blessing, send forzon to thee:
Though vicar be bad, or the parson euill,
go not for thy tithing thy selfe to the diuell.

4 Let hay be well made, or auise else auous,
for moulding in mow, or of firing the house:
Lay courslest aside, for the ore and the cow,
the finest for sheepe, and thy gelding allow.

5 Then downe with thy hedlonds, that groweth about,
leaue neuer a dallop, vnmowne and had out:
Though grasse be but thin, about barlie and pease,
yet picked vp cleane, ye shall find therein ease.

6 Thy fallow betime, for destroieng of weed, Thy fallowing.
least thistle and docke, fall a blooming and seed:
Such season may chance, it shall stand thee vpon,
to till it againe, yer a summer be gon.

¶ Gathering of garden beans.

7 Not rent off but cut off, ripe beane with a knife,
for hindering stalke, of hir vegetiue life:
So gather the lowest, and leauing the top,
shall teach thee a tricke, for to double thy crop.

¶ 8 Wife plucke fro thy seed hempe, the fimble hemp cleen,
this loketh more yellow, the other more greene:
Use tone for thy spinning, leaue michell the tother,
for shoo thread and halter, for rope and such other.

¶ 9 Now plucke vp thy flax, for thy maidens to spin,
first see it dried, and timelie got in:
And mowe vp thy branke, and awaie with it drie,
and house it vp close, out of danger to lie.

¶ 10 While woormwood hath seed, get a handful or twaine,
to saue against March, to make flea to refraine:
Where chamber is sweeped, and woormwood is strowne,
no flea for his life, dare abide to be knowne.

¶ 11 What sauor is better, (if physicke be true)
for places infected, than woormwood and rue?
It is as a comfort, for hart and the braine,
and therefore to haue it, it is not in vaine.

12 Get grist to the mill, to haue plentie in store,
least miller lacke water, as manie doo more:
The meale the more yeeldeth, if seruant be true,
and miller that tolleth, take none but his due.

Thus endeth Julies husbandrie.

¶ Augusts abstract.

Cap. 45.

1 Thy fallow won,
get compassing don.

2 In June and in Awe,
swindge brakes for a lawe.

3 Pare saffron plot,
forget it not.
His dwelling made trim,
looke shortlie for him.

When haruest is gon,
then saffron comes on.

4 A little of ground,
brings saffron a pound,
The pleasure is fine,
the profit is thine.
Keepe coulour in dieng,
well vsed worth buieng.

5 Maids

5 Maids muſtard ſæd reape,
and laie on a heape.

6 Good neighbour indeed,
change ſeed for ſeed.

7 Now ſtrike vp drum,
come harueſt man come.
Take paine for gaine,
one knaue mars twaine.

8 Reape corne by the daie,
leaſt corne do decaie.
By great is the cheaper,
if truſtie were reaper.

9 Blowe horne for ſleapers,
and cheare vp thy reapers.

10 Well doing who loueth,
theſe harueſt points proueth.

11 Pay Gods part furſt,
and not of the wurſt.

12 Now parſon (I ſay)
tith carrie away.

13 Kéepe cart gap weele,
ſcare hog from wheele,

14 Howe hawme to burne,
to ſerue thy turne.
To bake thy bread,
to burne vnder lead.

15 Nowne hawme being drie,
no longer let lie.
Get home thy hawme,
whilſt weather is cawme,

16 Nowne barlie leſſe coſt,
ill mowne much loſt.

17 Reape barlie with ſickle,
that lies in ill pickle.

Let greeneſt ſtand,
for making of band.
Wands made without dew,
will hold but a few.

18 Lay band to find hir,
two rakes to a binder.

19 Rake after ſith,
and pay thy tith.
Corne carried all,
then rake it ye ſhall.

20 Let ſhocke take ſweat,
leaſt gote take heat.
Yet it is beſt reaſon,
to take it in ſeaſon.

21 More often ye turne,
more peaſe ye out ſpurne.
yet winnowe them in,
yer cariage begin.

22 Thy carting ply
while weather is dry.

23 Wid gouing clim,
goue iuſt and trim.
Laie wheat for ſæd,
to come by at næd.
Seed barlie caſt,
to threſh out laſt.

24 Lay peaſe vpon ſtacke,
if houell ye lacke.
And couer it ſtraight,
from doues that waight.

25 Let gleaners gleane,
(the poore I meane)
Which euer ye ſowe,
that firſt eat lowe.
The other forbare,
for rowen to ſpare.

26 Come home lozd singing,
come home cozne bringing.
Tis merrie in hall,
when berds wag all.

27 Once had thy desire,
pay wozkeman his hire.
Let none be beguild,
man, woman, oz child.

28 Thanke God ye shall,
and adue foz all.

Works after harueſt.

29 Get tumbzell in hand,
foz thy barlie land.

30 The better the mucke,
the better god lucke.

31 Still cariage is god,
foz timber and wood.
No longer delaies,
to mend the high waies.

32 Some loue as a iewell,
well placing of fewell.

33 In piling of logs,
make houell foz hogs.

34 Wife plow dooth crie,
to picking of rie.

35 Such seed as ye sowe,
such reape oz else mowe.

36 Take shipping oz ride,
lent stuffe to pzouide.

37 Let haberden lie,
in pease straw dzie.

38 When out ye ride,
leaue a god guide.

39 Some pzofit spie out,
by riding about.
Marke now thozough yeare,
what cheape what deare.

40 Some skill dooth well,
to buie and to sell.
Of theefe who bieth,
in danger lieth.

41 Commoditie knowne,
abzoad is blowne.

42 At first hand bie,
at third let lie.

43 Haue monie pzest,
to buie at the best.

44 Some cattell home bzing,
foz Michelmas spzing.
By hawke and hound,
small pzofit is found.

45 Dispatch loke home,
to loitering mome.
Pzouide oz repent,
milchcow foz Lent.

46 Now crone your sheepe,
fat those ye keepe.
Leaue milking old cow,
fat aged vp now.

47 Sell butter and cheese,
god faires few leese.
At faires go bie,
home wants to supplie.

48 If hops loke bzowne,
go gather them downe.
But now in the deaw,
foz piddling with feaw.

49 D

49 Of hops this knacke,
a meanie dw lacke,
Once had thy will,
go couer his hill.

50 Take hop to thy dole,
but breake not his pole.

51 Learne here (thou ſtranger)
to frame hop manger.

52 Hop poles preſerue,
againe to ſerue.
Hop poles by and by,
long ſafe vp to dry.
Leaſt poles war ſcank,
new poles go plant.

53 The hop well dride,
will beſt abide.
Hops dried in loft,
aſke tendance oft.
And ſhed their ſeeds,
much more than néeds.

54 Hops dride ſmall coſt,
ill kept halfe loſt.
Hops quicklie be ſpilt,
take hæd if thou wilt.

55 Some come ſome go,
this life is ſo.

Thus endeth Auguſts abſtract, agreéing with Auguſts husbandrie.

¶ Auguſts husbandrie.

Chap. 46.

Drie Auguſt and warme,
Doth harueſt no harme.

Forgotten month paſt,
Do now at the laſt.

1 THy fallow once ended, go ſtrike by and by,
both wheat land and barlie, and ſo let it lie:
And as ye haue leiſure, go compas the ſame,
when vp ye do lay it, more fruitfull to frame.

2 Get downe with thy brakes, yer any ſhowers do come,
that cattell the better, may paſture haue ſome:
In June and in Auguſt, as well doth appeare,
is beſt to mowe brakes, of all times in the yeare.

3 Pare ſaffron betweene the two S. Maries daies,
or ſet or go ſhift it, that knoweſt the waies:
What yeare ſhall I do it, (more profit to yeeld)
the fourth in the garden, the third in the feeld.

Paring of ſaffron.

4 In hauing but fortie foot, workmanlie dight,
take ſaffron inough, for a lord and a knight:
All winter time alter, as practiſe doth teach,
what plot haue ye better, for linnen to bleach.

¶ Huſwifery

5 ¶ Mids muſtard ſeed gather, for being too ripe,
and weather it well, yer ye giue it a ſtripe:
Then dreſſe it, and lay it in ſoller vp ſweet,
leaſt foiſtenеſſe make it for table vnmeet.

6 ¶ Good huſwiues in ſummer, will ſaue their owne ſeeds,
againſt the nexte yeare, as occaſion needs:
One ſeed for another, to make an exchange,
with fellowlie neighbourhood, ſeemeth not ſtrange.

7 Make ſure of reapers, get haruеſt in hand,
the corne that is ripe, doth but ſhed as it ſtand:
Be thankfull to God, for his benefit ſent,
and willing to ſaue it, with earneſt intent.

Champion by great, the other by day.

8 To let out thy haruеſt, by great or by day,
let this by experience, lead thee the way:
By great will deceiue thee, with lingring it out,
by day will diſpatch, and put all out of dout.

9 Grant haruеſt lord more, by a penie or two,
to call on his fellowes, the better to dow:
Giue gloues to thy reapers, a larges to crie,
and dailie to loiterers, haue a good eie.

Good harneſt points.

10 Reape well, ſcatter not, gather cleane that is ſhorne,
bind faſt, ſhocke apace, haue an eie to thy corne:
Lode ſafe, carrie home, follow time being faire,
goue iuſt in the barne, it is out of deſpaire.

11 Tith dulie and truelie, with hartie good will,
that God and his bleſſing, may dwell with thee ſtill:
Though parſon negleeteth, his dutie for this,
thanke thou thy Lord God, and giue euerie man his.

12 Corne tithed (ſir parſon) to gather go get,
and cauſe it on ſhocks, to be by and by ſet:
Not leauing it ſcattering, abroad on the ground,
nor long in the field, but away with it round.

13 To cart gap and barne, ſet a guide to looke weele,
and hoy out ſir carter, the hog fro thy wheele:
Leaſt greedie of feeding, in following cart,
it noieth or periſheth, ſpight of thy hart.

14 In champion countrie, a pleaſure they take,
to mowe vp their hawme, for to brew and to bake:
And alſo it ſtandes them, in ſtead of their thacke,
which being well timed, they cannot well lacke.

15 The hawme is the ſtrawe, if the wheat or the rie,
which once being reaped, they mowe by and by:
For feare of deſtroieng, with cattell or raine,
the ſooner ye lode it, more profite ye gaine.

16 The mowing of barlie, if barly doo ſtand,
is cheapeſt and beſt, for to rid out of hand:
Some mowe it, and rake it, and ſets it on cocks,
ſome mowe it and bindes it, and ſet it on ſhocks.

17 Of barly the longeſt, and greeneſt ye find,
leaue ſtanding by dallops, till time ye doo bind:
Then early in morning (while deaw is thereon)
to making of bands, till the deaw be all gon.

18 One ſpreadeth thoſe bands, ſo in order to ly,
as barlie (in ſwatches) may fill it thereby.
Which gathered vp, with the rake and the hand,
the follower after them, bindeth in band.

Spreding of barlie bands.

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19 Where barlie is raked (if dealing be true)
the tenth of ſuch raking, to parſon is due:
Where ſcattering of barly, is ſeene to be much,
their cuſtome nor conſcience, tything ſhould grutch.

Tyth of rakings.

20 Corne being had downe (anie way ye allow)
ſhould wither as needeth, for burning in mow:
Such ſkill appertaineth, to harueſt-mans art,
and taken in time, is a huſbandly part.

21 No turning of peaſon, till carriage ye make,
nor turne in no more, then ye mind for to take:
Leaſt beaten with ſhowers, ſo turned to drie,
by turning and toſſing, they ſhed as they lie.

22 If weather be faire, and tidie thy graine,
make ſpeedilie carriage, for feare of a raine:
For tempeſt and ſhowers, deceiueth a menie,
and lingring lubbers, loſe manie a penie.

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23 In youing at harueſt, learne ſkilfullie howe,
ech graine for to laie, by it ſelfe on a mowe:
Sæd barlie the pureſt, youe out of the way,
all other nigh hand, youe as faſt as ye may.

24 Stacke peaſe vpon houell, abroad in the yard,
to couer it quicklie, let owner regard:
Leaſt doue and the cadow, there finding a ſmacke,
with ill ſtormie weather, doo perifh thy ſtack.

25 Corne caried, let ſuch as be poore go and gleane,
and after thy cattell, to mouth it vp cleane:
Then ſpare it for rowen, till Michell be paſt,
to lengthen thy bairie, no better thou haſt.

26 In harueſt time harueſt folke, ſeruants and all,
ſhould make altogither, good cheere in the hall:
And fill out the blacke boll, of bleith to their ſong,
and let them be merrie, all harueſt time long.

Pay truelie harueſt folke.

27 Once ended thy harueſt, let none be begild,
pleaſe ſuch as did pleaſe thee, man, woman, and childe,
Thus doing, with alwaie ſuch helpe as they can,
thou winneſt the praiſe, of the labouring man.

Thanke God for al

28 Now looke vp to Godward, let tong neuer ceaſe,
in thanking of him, for his mightie increaſe:
Accept my good will, for a proofe go and trie,
the better thou thriueſt, the gladder am I.

Works after harueſt.

29 Now carrie out compas, when harueſt is donne,
where barlie thou ſoweſt, my champion ſonne:
Or lay it on heape, in the field as ye may,
till carriage be faire, to haue it away.

30 Whoſe compas is rotten, and caried in time,
and ſpred as it ſhould be, thrifts ladder may clime:
Whoſe compas is paltrie, and caried too late,
ſuch husbandrie bleth, that manie doo hate.

31 Yer winter preuenteth, while weather is good,
for galling of paſture, get home with thy wood:

And

And carrie out grauell, to fill vp a hole,
both timber and furzin, the turfe and the cole.

32 Howse charcole and sedge, chip and cole of the land,
pile tale wood and billet, stacke all that hath band:
Blocks, roots, pole and bough, set vpright to the thetch,
the neerer moze handsome, in winter to fetch.

33 In stacking of bauen, and piling of logs,
make vnder thy bauen, a houell foz hogs:
And warmelie inclose it, all sauing the mouth,
and that to stand open, and full to the south.

34 Once harueft dispatched, get wenches and boies,
and into thy barne, afoze all other toyes:
Choised seed to be picked, and trimlie well side,
foz seed may no longer, from threshing abide:

35 Get seed afozehand, in a readines had,
oz better pzouide, if thine owne be too bad:
Be carefull of seed, oz else such as ye sowe,
be sure at harueft, to reape oz to mowe.

36 When harueft is ended, take shipping oz ride,
ling, saltfish and herring, foz Lent to pzouide:
To buie it at first, as it commeth to rode,
shall pay foz thy charges, thou spendest abzoad.

Pzouision foz Lent.

37 Chuse skilfully saltfish, not burnt at the stone,
buie such as be good, oz else let it alone:
Get home that is bought, and go stacke it vp dry,
with pease straw betweene it, the safer to lie.

38 Yer euer ye iourney, cause seruant with speed,
to compasse thy barlie land, where it is neede:
One aker well compassed, passeth some three,
thy barne shall at harueft, declare it to thee.

39 This lesson is learned, by riding about,
the pzises of vittels, the yeare thozough out
Both what to be selling, and what to refraine,
and what to be buieng, to bring in a gaine.

40 Though buieng and selling, doth wonderfull well,
to such as haue skill, how to buie and to sell:

Yet chopping and changing, I cannot commend,
with thrift of his matrow, for feare of ill end.

41 The rich in his bargaining, needs not be toughe,
of buier and ſeller, full fair is be ſought:
Yet herein conſiſteth a part of my text,
who buieth at firſt hand, and who at the next.

Buieng at firſt hand.

42 At firſt hand he buieth, that paieth all downe,
at ſecond, that hath not ſo much in the towne:
At third hand he buieth, that buieth of truſt,
at his hand who buieth, ſhall pay for his luſt.

Readie mouie buieth beſt cheape.

43 As oft as ye bargaine, for better or wurſe,
to buie it the cheaper, haue chinks in thy purſe:
Touch kept is commended, yet credit to keepe,
is pay and diſpatch him, yet euer ye ſleepe.

44 Be mindfull abroad, of a Michaelmas ſpring,
for thereon dependeth a huſbandly thing:
Though ſome haue a pleaſure, with hawke vpon hand,
good huſbandes get treaſure, to purchaſe their land.

45 Thy market diſpatched, turne home againe round,
leaſt gaping for penie, thou looſeſt a pound:
Prouide for thy wife, or elſe looke to be ſhent,
good milchcow for winter, another for lent.

46 In trauelling homeward, buie fortie good crones,
and fat vp the bodies, of thoſe ſeelie bones:
Leaue milking, and die vp old mullie thy cow,
the crooked and aged, to fatting put now.

47 At Bartilmewtide, or at Sturbridge faire,
buie that as is needfull, thy houſe to repaire:
Then ſell to thy profit, both butter and cheeſe,
who buieth it ſooner the more he ſhall leeſe.

Hops gathering.

48 If hops do looke brownish, then are ye to blame,
if longer ye ſuffer, thoſe hops for to growe:
Now ſooner ye gather, more profit is found,
if weather be faire, and deale off a ground.

49 Not breake off, but cut off, from hop the hop ſtring,
leaue growing a little, againe for to ſpring:

Without

Whose hill about pared, and therwith new clad,
shall nourish moze sets, against March to be had.

50 Hop hillocke discharged, of euerie set,
see then without breaking, ech pole ye out get:
Which being intangled, aboue in the tops,
go carrie to such, as are plucking of hops.

The order of hops gathe

51 Take soutage or haire (that couers the kell)
set like to a manger, and fastened well:
With poles vpon crotchets, as hie as thy west,
for sauing and riddance, is husbandrie best.

52 Hops hate the hop poles that are likely preserue,
(from breaking and rotting) againe for to serue:
And plant ye with alders, or willowes a plot,
where euerie as needeth, no poles may be got.

53 Some skilfully dreth, their hops on a kell,
and some on a soller, oft turning them well:
Kell dried will abide, foule weather or faire,
where drieng and tieng, in loft doo despaire.

54 Some close them vp drie, in a hogshed or fat,
yet canuas or soutage, is better than that:
By drieng and tieng, they quickly be spilt,
thus much haue I shewed, doo now as thou wilt.

Keping of hops.

55 Old farmer is forced, long August to make,
his goods at more leasure, away for to take:
New farmer he toileth, ech houre a day,
vntill the old farmer, be packing away.

Thus endeth and haldeth out Augusts husbandrie
till Michelmas Eue,
Tho. Tusser.

✻ Corne harueft equally diuided into ten parts. *Chap.* 47.

1 One part cast forth, for rent due out of hand.
2 One other part, for seed to sowe thy land.
3 Another part, leaue parson for his tyth.
4 Another part, for harueft sickle and syth.

5 One

For napperie, sope and cãdle tait, and sawce, tinker & cowper, brasse & pewter.

5 One part for ploughwright, cartwright, knacker & smith.
6 One part to vphold thy teemes that draw therewith.
7 Another part for seruant and workmans wages lay.
8 One part likewise for sibbellis day by day.
9 One part thy wife for needfull things doth craue.
10 Thy selfe and thy child the last part would haue.

WHo minds to quote, vpon this note,
may easilie find inough:
What charge and paine, to little gaine,
dooth follow toiling plough.
Yet farmer may, thanke God and say,
for yeerelie such good hap:
Well fare the plough, that sends inough,
to stop so great a gap.
A briefe conclusion, where you may see,
Ech word in the verse, to begin with a T.

Chap. 48.

Trine for contriue.

THe thriftie that teacheth the thriuing to thriue,
Teach timelie to trauerse the thing that thou triue.
Trankferring thy toiling, to timelinesse tought,
This teacheth thee temperance, to temper thy thought.
Take trustie (to trust to) that thinkest to thriue,
That trustilie thriftinesse, trowleth to thee.
Then temper thy trauell, to tarrie the tide,
This teacheth thee thriftinesse, twentie times tride.
Take thankfull thy talent, thanke thankfullie those,
That thriftilie teacheth, thy time to transpose.
Troth twise to thee teached, teach twentie times ten,
This trade thou that takest, take thrift to thee then.

¶ Mans age diuided here ye haue,
By prentiships from birth to graue.

Chap. 49.

7 The first seuen yeeres, bring vp as a child,
14 The next to learning, for warning too wild.
21 The next keepe vnder, sir hobbard de hoy.
28 The next a man, no longer a boy.

35 The next, let lustie lay wiselie to wiue,
42 The next, lay now or else neuer to thriue,
49 The next, make sure for terme of thy life,
56 The next, saue somewhat for children and wife,
63 The next, be staid giue ouer thy lust.
70 The next, thinke hourlie whither thou must,
77 The next, get chaire and crotches to stay,
84 The next, to heauen God send vs the way.

Who looseth their youth, shall rue it in age,
Who hateth the truth, in sorrowe shall rage.

¶ Another deuision of the nature of mans age.

Chap. 50.

The Ape, the Lion, the Fox, the Asse,
Thus sets foorth man, as in a glasse.

Ape. Like Apes we be toieng, till twentie and one,
Lion. Then hastie as Lions, till fortie be gone:
Fox. Then wilie as Foxes, till threescore and three,
Asse. Then after for Asses, accounted we bee.

Who plaies with his better, this lesson must knowe,
what humblenes For to the Lion dooth owe:
For, Ape with his toieng, and rudenes of Asse,
brings (out of good bower) displeasure to passe.

Comparing good husband, with vnthrift his brother
The better discerneth, the tone from the tother.

Cap. 51.

ILL husbandry braggeth, to go with the best:
Good husbandrie baggeth, vp gold in his chest.

2 Ill husbandrie trudgeth, with vnthrifts about:
Good husbandrie snudgeth, for feare of a dout.

3 Ill husbandrie spendeth, abroad like a mome,
Good husbandry tendeth, his charges at home.

4 Ill husbandrie selleth, his corne on the ground:
Good husbandrie smelleth, no gaine that way found.

5 Ill

5 Ill husbandrie lowseth,
for lacke of good sense:
God husbandrie closeth,
and gaineth the pense.

6 Ill husbandrie trusteth,
to him and to hur:
God husbandrie lusteth,
himselfe for to stur.

7 Ill husbandrie eateth,
himselfe out of dowre:
God husbandrie meateth,
himselfe and the powre.

8 Ill husbandrie dateth,
or letteth it lie:
God husbandrie worketh,
the cheaper to bie.

9 Ill husbandrie lurketh,
and stealeth a sleepe:
God husbaudrie worketh,
his household to keepe.

10 Ill husbandrie liueth,
by that and by this:
God husbandrie giueth,
to erie man his.

11 Ill husbandrie taketh,
and spendeth vpall:
God husbandrie maketh,
good shift with a small.

12 Ill husbandrie praieth,
his wife to make shift:
God husbandrie saith,
take this of my gift.

13 Ill husbandrie drowseth,
at fortune so auke:
God husbandrie rowseth,
himselfe as a hauke.

14 Ill husbandrie lieth,
in prison for det:
God husbandrie spieth,
where profit to get.

15 Ill husbandrie waies,
hath to fraud what he can:
God husbandrie praies,
hath ofeuerie man.

16 Ill husbandrie neuer,
hath welth to keepe touch:
God husbandrie euer,
hath penie in pouch.

God husband his boone,
Or request hath a far.
Ill husband assoone,
Hath a tode with an R.

A comparison betweene Champion countrie and seuerall. Chap. 52.

THe countrie inclosed I praise,
the tother delighteth not me,
For nothing the wealth it doth raise,
to such as inferiour be.
How both of them partly I know:
here somewhat I mind for to showe.

2 There ſwineherd that kæpeth the hog,
there neatherd with cur and his horne,
There ſhepheard with whiſtle and dog,
be fenſe to the medowe and corne.
There horſſe being tide on a balk:
is readie with thæfe for to walke.

3 Where all thing in common doth reſt,
corne fæld with the paſture and mead,
Though common ye dow for the beſt,
yet what doth it ſtand you in ſtead?
There common as commoners vſe:
for otherwiſe ſhalt thou not chuſe.

4 What laier much better than there,
or cheper (thereon to dow well?)
What drudgerie more any where,
leſſe good thereof where can you tell?
What gotten by ſummer is ſæne:
in winter is eaten vp clæne.

5 Example by Leiceſter ſhire,
what ſoile can be better than that:
For any thing hart can deſire,
and yet doth it want ye ſæ what.
Waſt, couert, cloſe, paſture and wood:
and other things needfull as good.

6 All theſe dow encloſure bring,
experience teacheth no leſſe,
I ſpeake not to boaſt of the thing,
but onlie a troth to expreſſe.
Example (if doubt ye dow make:)
by Suffolke and Eſſex go take.

Inclofure

7 More plentie of mutton and bæfe,
corne, butter and chæſe of the beſt,
More wealth any where (to be bræfe)
more people, more handſome and preſt.
Where find ye? (go ſearch any coaſt:)
than there where encloſure is moſt.

Leuerall.

8 More

8 More worke for the labouring man,
as well in the towne as the feeld,
Or thereof (deuise if ye can)
more profit what countries doo yeeld?
More seldome where see ye the poore,
go begging from doore vnto doore.

Champiõ countrie.

9 In Norffolke behold the despaire,
of tillage too much to be borne,
By drouers from faire vnto faire,
and others destroieng the corne.
By custome and couetous pates:
by gaps and opening of gates.

10 What speake I of commouers by,
with drawing all after a line,
So noieng the corne as it lie,
with cattell with conies and swine:
When thou hast bestowed thy cost:
looke halfe of the same to be lost.

11 The flocks of the lords of the soile,
doo yeerelie the winter corne wrong,
The same in a maner they spoile,
with feeding so lowe and so long.
And therefore that champion feeld,
doth seldome good winter corne yeeld.

Champiõ annoiances.

12 By Cambridge a towne I doo knowe,
where many good husbands doo dwell,
Whose losses by lossels doth showe,
more heere than is needfull to tell.
Determine at court what they shall:
performed is nothing at all.

13 The champion robbeth by night,
and polleth and filcheth by dae,
Himselfe and his beast out of sight,
both spoileth and maketh away.
Not only thy grasse but thy corne:
both after and yer it be shorne.

14 Beast

14 Peaſe bolt with thy peaſe he will haue,
his houſhold to fæd and his hog,
Now ſtealeth he now will he craue,
and now will he cooſen and cog.
In Bridewell a number be ſtript:
leſſe worthie than theefe to be whipt.

15 The ore boy as ill is as hee,
or worſer if worſe may be found,
For ſpoiling from thine & from thee,
of graſſe & of corne on the ground.
Lay neuer ſo well for to ſaue it:
by night or by day he will haue it.

16 What orchard vnrobbed eſcapes?
or pullet dare walke in their ſet?
But homeward or outward (like apes)
they count it their owne they can get.
Lord, if ye doo take them, what ſturs,
how hold they togither like burs?

17 For commons theſe commoners crie,
incloſing they may not abide,
Yet ſome be not able to bie,
a cowe with a calfe by hir ſide.
Nor lay not to liue by their wurke,
but theeuiſhlie loiter and lurke.

18 The Lord of the towne is to blame,
for theſe and for many faultes mo,
For that he dooth knowe of the ſame,
yet lets it vnpuniſhed go.
Such Lords ill example doo giue:
where varlets and drabs ſo may liue.

19 What footpaths are made & how brode,
annoiance to much to be borne,
With horſe and with cattell what rode,
is made through euerie mans corne?
Where champions ruleth the roſt:
there dailie diſorder is moſt.

20 Their sheepe when they driue for to wash,
how careles such sheepe they dow guide?
The farmer they leaue in the lash,
with losses on euerie side.
Though any mans corne they dow bite:
they will not allow him a mite.

21 What hunting and hauking is there?
corne looking for sickle at hand,
Acts lawles to dow without feare,
how yærelie togither they band.
More harme to another to dow:
than they would be done so vntow.

22 More profit is quieter found,
(where pastures in seuerall bee)
Of one fillie aker of ground,
than champion maketh of three.
Againe what a ioy it is knowne:
when men may be bold with their owne?

Champiõ 23 The tone is commended for graine,
yet bread made of beans they dow eat,
Seuerall. The tother for one lofe hath twaine,
of mastlin, of rie, or of wheat.
The champion liueth full bare:
when woodland full merie dow fare.

Champiõ. 14 Tone giueth his corne in a dearth,
to horsse, sheepe and hog erie day,
Seuerall. The tother giue cattell warme barth,
and feed them with straw and with hay.
Corne spent of the tone so in vaine:
the tother dooth sell to his gaine.

25 Tone barefoot and ragged dow go,
and readie in winter to sterue,
When tother ye see dow not so,
but hath that is needfull to serue.
Tone paine in a cottage dooth take,
when tother trim bowers dow make.

26 Tone

Champiõ
Tone laieth foꝛ turfe and foꝛ ſedge,
and hath it with wonderfull ſuit,
Generall.
When tother in euerie hedge,
hath plentie of fewell and fruit.
Euils twentie times woꝛſer than theſe,
encloſure quicklie would eaſe.

27 In woodland the poꝛe men that haue,
Generall.
ſcarſe fullie two akers of land,
Moꝛe merilie liue, and dow ſaue,
than tother with twentie in hand.
Yet pay they as much foꝛ the tway:
as tother foꝛ twentie muſt dow.

28 The labourer comming from thence,
in woodland to woꝛke any where,
(I warrant you) goeth not hence,
to woꝛke any moꝛe againe there.
If this ſame be true (as it is:)
why gather they nothing of this?

29 The poꝛe at incloſure doth grutch,
bicauſe of abuſes that fall,
Leaſt ſome man ſhould haue but too much,
and ſome againe nothing at all.
If order might therein be found:
what were to the ſeuerall ground.

¶ The deſcription of an enuious and naughtie neighbour.

Cap. 54.

A Enuious neighbour is eaſie to find,
His cumberſome fetches, are ſeldome behind.
His hatred pꝛocureth, from naughtie to wurſſe,
His friendſhip like Judas that carried the purſſe.
His head is a ſtoꝛehouſe, with quarrels full fraught,
His braine is vnquiet, till all come to naught.
His memoꝛie pꝛegnant, old ills to recite,
is mind euer fixed, ech ill to requite.

His mouth full of venem, his lips out of frame,
His toong a falſe witnes, his friend to defame.
His eies be promoters, ſome treſpas to ſpie,
His eares be as ſpials, alarum to crie.
His hands be as tyrants, reuenging ech thing,
His feet at thine elbow, as ſerpent to ſting.
His breaſt full of rancor, like canker to freat,
His hart like a lion, his neighbour to eat.
His gate like a ſheepbiter, ſteering aſide,
His looke like a corcombe, vp puffed with pride.
His face made of braſſe, like a vice in a game,
His geſture like Dauus, whom Terence doth name.
His brag as Therſites, with elbowes abrode,
His cheekes in his furie, ſhall ſwell like a tode.
His colour like aſhes, his cap in his eies,
His noſe in the aire, his ſnout in the ſkies.
His promiſe to truſt to, as ſlipperie as ice,
His credit much like to, the chance of the dice.
His knowledge or ſkill, is in prating too much,
His companie ſhunned, and ſo be all ſuch.
His friendſhip is counterfet, ſeldome to truſt,
His doings vnluckie, and euer vniuſt.
His fetch is to flatter, to get what he can,
His purpoſe once gotten, a pin for thee than.

¶ A ſonnet againſt a ſlanderous toong.

Cap. 54.

DOth darnell good, among the flowrie wheat?
Do thiſtles good, ſo thicke in fallow ſpide?
Do taint wormes good, that lurke where or ſhould eat?
Or ſucking drones, in hiue where bees abide?
Do hornets good, or theſe ſame biting gnats?
Foule ſwelling todes, what good by them is ſeene?
In houſe well deckt, what good do gnawing rats?
Or caſking mowles among the meadowes greene?
Doth heauie newes make glad the hart of man?
Or noiſome ſmels, what good doth that to health?

Now

Now once for all, what good (shew who so can)
Do stinging snakes, to this our common wealth?
No more dooth good, a peeuish slanderous toong,
But hurts it selfe, and noies both old and yoong.

A sonnet vpon the Authors first seuen yeeres seruice. Chap. 55.

SEuen times hath Janus tane new yeare by hand,
Seuen times hath blustring March, blowne forth his powre:
To driue out Aprils buds, by sea and land,
For minion Maie, to decke most trim with flowre.
Seuen times hath temperate Aer, like pageant plaid,
And pleasant Aestas eke, hir flowers told:
Seuen times Autumnus heat hath bene delaid,
With Hiems boisterous blasts, and bitter cold.
Seuen times the thirteene Mones haue changed hew,
Seuen times the Sunne, his course hath gone about:
Seuen times ech bird, hir nest hath built anew,
Since first time you to serue I chosed out.
Still yours am I, though thus the time haue past:
And truste to be, as long as life shall last.

Man minded for to thriue,
must wiselie laie to wiue:
Whathap may therby fall,
here argued find ye shall.

¶ *The Authors dialog betweene two* Batchlers of wiuing and thriuing by Affirmation *and Obiection. Chap. 56.*

Affirmation.

FRiend, where we met this other day,
We heard one make his mone and say,
God Lord how might I thriue?
We heard another answer him,
Then make thee handsome, tricke and trim,
And laie in time to wiue.

Obiection.

And what of that say you to me?
Doo you your selfe thinke that to be,
the best waie for to thriue:
If truth were truelie boolted out,
As touching thrift I stand in doubt,
If men were best to wiue.

Affirmation.

There is no doubt, for proue I can,
I haue but sildome seene that man,
Which could the waie to thriue:
Untill it was his happie lot,
To staie himselfe in some good plot,
and wiselie then to wiue.

Obiection.

And I am of another mind,
For by reason can I find,
how that waie I should thriue:
For whereas now I spend a penie,
I should not then be quite with menie,
Through bondage for to wiue.

Affirmation.

Not so, for now where thou doost spend,
Of this and that to no good end,
Which hindreth thee to thriue:
Such vaine expenses thou shouldst saue
And dailie then laie more to haue,
as others doo that wiue.

Obiection.

Why then doo folke this prouerbe put,
The blacke or nere trod on thy fut,
If that waie were to thriue:
Hereout a man may some picke forth,
Few feeleth what a penie is worth,
Till such time as they wiue.

Affirmation.

It may so chance as thou doost say,
This lesson therefore beare away,

If

If thereby thou wilt thriue:
Looke yer thou leape, see yer thou go,
It may be for thy profit so,
For thee to lay to wiue.

Obiection.

It is too much we dailie heare,
To wiue and thriue both in a yeere,
As touching now to thriue:
I know not herein what to spie,
But that there dooth small profit lie,
to fansie for to wiue.

Affirmation.

In deed the first yeere oft is such,
That fondlie some bestoweth much,
A let to them to thriue:
Yet other mo may soone be found,
Which getteth many a faire pound,
the same day that they wiue.

Obiection.

I grant some getteth more that day,
Than they can easilie beare awaie,
Now neds then must they thriue:
What gaineth such think ye by that?
A little burthen you wot what,
Through fondnesse for to wiue.

Affirmation.

Thou seemest blind as mo haue bin,
It is not beautie bringeth in,
The thing to make thee thriue:
In womankind see that ye doo,
Require of hir no gift but two,
when as ye mind to wiue.

Obiection.

But two say you? I pray you than,
Shew those as breefelie as you can,
If that may helpe to thriue:
I weene we must conclude anon,
Of those same twain to want the ton,
When as ye chance to wiue.

Honestie and hus-wiferie.

Affirmation.

An honest huswife trust to mee,
Be those same twaine I say to thee,
That helpe so much to thriue:
As honestie farre passeth gold,
So huswiferie in young and old,
Do pleasure such as wiue.

Obiection.

The honestie in deed I grant,
Is one good point the wife should haunt,
To make her husband thriue:
But now faine would I haue you show,
How should a man good huswife know,
If once he hap to wiue?

Affirmation.

A huswife good betimes will rise,
And order things in comely wise,
Hir mind is set to thriue:
Upon hir distaffe she will spin,
And with hir needle she will win,
If such ye hap to wiue.

Obiection.

It is not idle going about;
Nor all day picking on a clout;
Can make a man to thriue:
Or if there be no other winning,
But that the wife gets by her spinning
Small thrift it is to wiue.

Affirmation.

Some more than this yet do she shall,
Although the stocke be very small,
Yet will she helpe thee thriue:
Lay thou to saue as well as she,
And then thou shalt inriched be,
When such thou hapst to wiue.

Obiection.

If she were mine I tell thee troth,
Too much to trouble hir I were loth,

For greedines to thriue:
Least some should talke as is the speech,
The good wiues husband weares no breech,
If such I hap to wiue.

Affirmation.

What hurts it thee what some do say,
If honestlie she take the waie,
To helpe the for to thriue?
For honestie will make hir prest,
To doo the thing that shall be best,
If such ye hap to wiue.

Obiection.

Why did Diogenes say than,
To one that askt of him time whan,
Were best to wiue to thriue?
Not yet(quoth he)if thou be yoong,
If thou wax old then hold thy toong,
It is too late to wiue.

Affirmation.

Belike he knew some shrewish wife,
Which with her husband made such strife,
that hindered him to thriue:
Who then may blame him for that clause,
Though then he spake as some had cause,
As touching for to wiue?

Obiection.

Why then I see to take a shrew,
(As seldome other there be few)
Is not the way to thrine:
So hard a thing I spie it is,
The good to chuse,the shrew to mis,
That feareth me to wiue.

Affirmation.

She may in some thing seeme a shrew
Yet such a huswife as but few,
To helpe thee for to thriue:
This prouerbe looke in mind ye keepe,
As good a shrew is as a sheepe,
for you to take to wife.

Obiection.

Now be she lambe or be she eaw,
Giue me the sheepe, take thou the shrew,
See which of vs shall thriue:
If she be shrewish thinke for troth,
For all hir thrift I would be loth,
To match with such to wiue.

Affirmation.

Tush, farewell then, I leaue you off,
Such fooles as you that loue to scoffe,
Shall seldome wiue to thriue.
Contrarie hir as you doo me,
And then ye shall I warrant ye,
Repent ye if you wiue.

Obiection.

Friend let vs both giue iustlie place,
To wedded man to iudge this cace,
Which best way is to thriue:
For both our talke as seemeth plaine,
Is but as happeneth in our braine,
To will or not to wiue.

Wedded mans iudgement,
Vpon the former argument.

Moderator. AS cocke that wants his mate, goes rouing all about,
With crowing earlie and late, to find his louer out,
And as poore sillie hen, long wanting cocke to guide,
Some droops and shortlie then, begins to peake aside:
Euen so it is with man and wife, where gouernment is found,
The want of tone the others life, doth shortlie soone confound.

IN iest and in earnest, here argued ye find,
That husband and huswife togither must dwell,
And thereto the iudgement of wedded mans mind,
That husbandry otherwise speedeth not well:
Of huswiferie like as of husbandrie told,
How huswifelie huswife helps bring in the gold.

Thus endeth the Booke of
Husbandrie.

The points of Huſwiferie, vnited to *the comfort of Husbandrie, newly cor-* rected and amplified with diuers good *leſſons for houſholders to recreate the* Reader, as by the Table at the end *hereof more plainlie may* appeare:

Set foorth by Thomas Tuſſer Gentleman.

To the right Honourable and my eſpeciall *good Ladie and Miſtreſſe, the* Lady Paget.

THough danger be mickle,
And fauour ſo fickle,
Yet dutie doth tickle,
My fanſie to wright:
Concerning how prettie,
How fine and how nettie,
God huſwife ſhould iettie,
from morning to night.

2 Not minding by writing,
To kindle a ſpighting,
But ſhew by indighting,
as afterward told:
How husbandrie eaſeth,
To huſwiferie pleaſeth,
And manie purſſe greaſeth,
with ſiluer and gold.

3 For husbandrie wcepeth,
Where huſwiferie ſleepeth,
And hardlie he creepeth,
vp ladder to thrift:
That wanteth to hold him,
Thrifts ladder to hold him,
Before it be told him,
he fals without ſhift.

4 Leaſt many ſhould feare me,
And others forſweare me,
Of troth I dow beare me,
vpright as ye ſée:
Full minded to loue all,
And not to reproue all,
But onelie to moue all,
good huſwiues to bee.

5 For

5 For if I should mind some,
Or descant behind some.
And musing to find some,
displease so I mought:
Or if I should blend them,
And so to offend them,
What stur I should send them,
I stand in a dought.

6 Though harmles ye make it,
And some dow well take it,
If others forsake it,
what pleasure were that?
Naught else but to paine me,
And nothing to gaine me,
But make them disdaine me,
I wot ner for what.

7 Least some make a triall,
As clocke by the diall,
Some stand to deniall,
some mourne and grudge,
Giue iudgement I pray you,
For iustly so may you,
So fansie so say you,
I make you my iudge.

8 In time ye shall trie me,
By troth ye shall spie me,
So find so set by me,
according to skill:
How euer tree groweth,
The fruit the tree showeth,
Your Ladiship knoweth,
my hart and good wil.

9 Though fortune doth measure,
and I dow lack treasure,
Yet if I may pleasure,
your honour with this:
Then will me to mend it,
Or mend or ye send it,
Or anie where lend it,
if ought be amis.

Your Ladiships seruaunt,
Thomas Tusser.

¶ To the Reader.

NOw listen good huswifes, what doings are heere,
set forth for a day, as it should for a yeere:
Both easie to follow, and soone to atchiue,
for such as by huswiferie, lowketh to thriue.

2 The forenoone affaires, till dinner (with some)
then after noone doings, till supper time come:
With breakfast and dinner time, sup and to bed,
standes orderly placed, to quiet thine hed.

3 The meaning is this, for a day what ye see,
that monthlie and yearely continued must be:
And hereby to gather (as proue I intend)
that huswifely matters, haue neuer an end.

4 I haue not by heare-ſay, nor reading in booke,
ſet out (peraduenture) that ſome cannot brooke:
Nor yet of a ſpite, to be doing with enie,
but ſuch as haue ſkared me, manie a penie.

5 If widow both huſwife, and huſband may be,
what cauſe hath a widower, leſſer than ſhe?
Tis needfull that both of them, looke wel about,
too careleſſe within, and too lazie without.

6 Now therefore, if ye well conſider of this,
what loſſes and croſſes, comes daily amis:
Then beare with a widowers pen, as ye may,
though huſband of huſwifrie, ſomewhat dow ſay.

¶ The preface to the booke of *Huſwiferie*.

TAke weapon away, of what force is a man?
Take huſwife from huſband, and what is he then?

2 As louers dow couet, together to dwell,
So huſbandrie loueth, good huſwiferie well.

3 Though huſbandrie ſeemeth, to bring in the gains,
yet huſwiferie labours, ſeeme equall in pains.

4 Some reſpite to huſbands, the weather may ſend,
But huſwiues affaires, haue neuer an end.

As true as thy faith,
Thus huſwiferie ſaith.

The praiſe of huſwiferie.

I Serue for a day, for a weeke, for a yeare.
For life time, for euer, while man dwelleth heere.
For richer for poorer, from north to the ſouth,
For honeſt, for hardhead, for daintie of mouth.
For wed and vnwedded, in ſickneſſe and health,
For all that well liueth, in good common wealth.
For citie, for countrie, for court and for cart,
To quiet the head, and to comfort the hart.

¶ A deſcription of Huſwife and *Huſwiferie*.

O F huſwife dooth huſwiferie chalenge that name,
of huſwiferie huſwife dooth likewiſe the ſame.

Where hus band and hus bandrie ioineth with thefe,
there welthinefſe gotten, is holden with eaſe.

2 The name of a huſwife, what is it to ſay?
the wife of the houſe, to the hus band a ſtay:
If huſwife doth that, as belongeth to hur,
if husband be godlie, there nædeth no ſtur.

3 The huſwife is ſhe, that to labour doth fall,
the labour of hir, I dow huſwiferie call:
If thrift by that labour, be honeſtlie got,
then is it good huſwiferie, elſe is it not.

4 The woman, the name of a huſwife doth win,
by kæping hir houſe, and of dowings therein:
And ſhe that with hus band will quietlie dwell,
muſt thinke on this leſſon, and follow it well.

¶ Inſtructions to Hnſwiferie.

Serue God is the furſt,
True loue is not wurſt.

A Datlie good leſſon, of huſwife indeed,
is God to remember the better to ſpeed.

2 Another good leſſon, of huſwiferie thought,
is huſwife with huſband, to liue as they ought.

Wife comelie no greefe,
Man out, huſwife cheefe.

3 Though tricklie to ſæ to, be gallant to wiue,
yet comelie and wiſe, is the huſwife to thriue:

4 When huſband is abſent, let huſwife be cheefe,
and looke to their labour, that eateth hir beefe.

Both out not allow,
Keepe houſe huſwife thou.

5 Where huſband and huſwife, be both out of place,
there ſeruants dow loiter, and reaſon their cace.

6 The huſwife ſo named (of kæping the houſe)
muſt tend on hir profit, as cat on the mouſe.

Seeke home for reſt,
For home is the beſt.

7 As huſwiues keepe home, and be ſtirrers about,
ſo ſpædeth their wimings the yeere thorow out.

8 Though

8 Though home be but homelie, yet huſwife is taught,
that home hath no fellow, to ſuch as haue ought.
Vſe all with skill,
Aske what ye will.

9 Good vſage with knowledge, and quiet withall,
make huſwife to ſhine, as the ſunne on the wall.

10 What husband refuſeth, all comelie to haue,
that gath a good huſwife, all willing to ſaue.
Be readie at need,
All things to feed.

11 The caſe of good huſwiues, thus daillie doth ſtand,
what euer ſhall chance, to be readie at hand.

12 This care hath a huſwife, all daie in hir hed,
that all thing in ſeaſon, be huſwifelie ſed.
By practiſe go muſe,
How houſhold to vſe.

13 Dame practiſe is ſhe, that to huſwife doth tell,
which waie for to gouerne hir familie well.

14 Vſe labourers gentlie, kæpe this as a lawe,
make child to be ciuill, kæpe ſeruant in awe.
Who careleſſe doo liue,
Offenſe thereby giue.

15 Haue euerie where, a reſpect to thy waies,
that none of thy life any ſlander may raiſe.

16 What many doo knowe, though a time it be hid,
at length will abroad, when a miſchæfe ſhall bid.
No neighbour reprooue,
Doo as to haue looue.

17 The loue of thy neighbour, ſhall ſtand thæ in ſtæd,
the power, the gladder to helpe at a næd.

18 Vſe friendlie thy neighboor, elſe truſt him in this,
as he hath thy frendſhip, ſo looke to haue his.
Strike nothing vnknowne,
Take heed to thine owne.

19 Reuenge not thy wath vpon any mans beaſt,
leaſt thine by like malice, be bid to like feaſt.

20 What huſband prouideth, with monie his drudge,
the huſwife muſt looke to, which waie it doth trudge.

¶ A

NOw out of the matter, this leſſon I ad,
concerning cock crowing, what profit is had:
Experience teacheth, as true as a clocke,
how winter night paſſeth, by crowing of cocke.

Cock creweth at midnight, times few aboue ſix,
with pawſe to his neighbour to anſwer betwix:
At three a clocke thicker, and then as ye knowe,
like all in to Mattens, neere daie they dow crowe.

At midnight, at three, and an hower yer day,
they vtter their language, as well as they may:
Which who ſo regardeth, what counſell they giue,
will better loue cocke crowing, as long as they liue.

For being afraid,
Take heed good maid:
Marke crowing of cocke,
For feare of a knocke.

¶ *The firſt cocke croweth.*

Ho, dame it is midnight: what rumbling is that?

The next cocke croweth

Take hed to falſe harlots, and more, ye wot what.

If noiſe ye heare,
Looke all be cleere:
Leaſt drabs doo noy thee,
And theeues deſtroy thee.

¶ *The firſt cocke croweth.*

Maids, three a clocke, knead, lay your bucks, or go brew,

The next cocke croweth.

And cobble and botch, ye that cannot buy new.

Till cocke crowe agen,
Both maidens and men:
Amend with ſpeed,
That mending hath need.

¶ *The firſt cocke croweth.*

Paſt fiue a clocke, holla: maid, ſleeping beware,

The next cocke croweth.

Leaſt quicklie your miſtreſſe vncouer your bare.

Maids

Maids vp I beſeech yee,
Leaſt miſtreſſe doo breech ye:
To worke and away,
As faſt as ye may,

¶ *Huſwiferie.*

Morning workes.

No ſooner vp,
But noſe in cup.

1 GEt vp in the morning, as ſoone as thou wilt,
with ouerlong ſlugging, good ſeruant is ſpilt.
2 Some ſlouens from ſleeping, no ſooner get vp,
but hand is in ambrie, and noſe in the cup.
That earlie is donne,
Count huſwifelie wonne.
3 Some worke in the morning, may trimlie be dun,
that all the daie after, can hardlie be wun.
4 Good huſband without, it is needfull there bee,
good huſwife within, is as needfull as hee.
Caſt duſt into yard,
And ſpin and go card.
5 Sluts corners auoided, ſhall further thy health,
much time about trifles, ſhall hinder thy wealth.
6 Set ſome to peele hempe, or elſe riſhes to twine,
to ſpin and to card, or to ſething of brine.
Grind malt for drinke,
See meat do not ſtinke.
7 Set ſome about cattell, ſome paſture to bew,
ſome malt to be grinding, againſt ye dow brew.
8 Some corneth, ſome brineth, ſome will not be taught,
where meat is attainted, there cookerie is naught.

¶ *Breakefaſt dooings.*

To breakefaſt that come,
Giue erie one ſome.

1 Call ſeruant to breakefaſt, by day ſtarre appeare,
a ſnatch and to worke, fellowes, loiter not heere.

2 Let huſwife be caruer, let pottage be heat,
a meſſe to each one, with a mozſell of meat.
No more tittle tattle,
Go ſerue your cattell.

3 What tacke in a pudding? ſaith greedie gut wzinger,
giue ſuch ye wot what, yer a pudding he finger.

4 Let ſeruants once ſerued, their cattell go ſerue,
leaſt often ill ſeruing, make catttell to ſterue.

¶ *Huſwifelie admonitions.*

Thée loz thziue.

Learne you that will thee,
This leſſon of mee.

1 No breakfaſt of cuſtome, pzouide foz to ſaue,
but onlie foz ſuch as deſerueth to haue:

2 No ſhewing of ſeruant what bittels in ſtoze,
ſhew ſeruant his labour, and ſhew him no moze.
Of hauocke beware,
Cat nothing will ſpare.

3 Where all thing is common, what needeth a butch?
where wanteth a ſauer, there hauocke is much.

4 Where window is open, cat maketh a fray,
yet wild cat with two legs, is wozſe by my fay.
Looke well vnto thine,
Slut ſlothfull muſt whine.

5 An eie in a cozner, who vſeth to haue,
reuealeth a drab, and pzeuenteth a knaue.

6 Make maid to be cleanlie, oz make hir crie creake,
and teach hir to ſtir when hir miſtreſſe doth ſpeake.
Let holliwand threat,
Let fizgig be beat.

7 A wand in thine hand, though ye fight not at all,
make youth to their buſineſſe, better to fall.

8 Foz feare of foole had I wiſt, cauſe thee to waſſle,
let fizgig be taught, to ſhut dooze after taſſle.
Too eaſie the wicket,
Will ſtill appeaſe clicket.

9 With hir that will clicket, make danger to cope,
leaſt quicklie hir wicket ſeeme eaſie to ope.

10 As rod little mendeth, where maners be ſpilt,
so naught will be naught, ſaie and dow what thou wilt.
Fight ſeldome ye ſhall,
But vſe not to brall.

11 Much bralling with ſeruant, what man can abide,
paie home when thou fightest, but loue not to chide.

12 As order is heauenlie, where quiet is had,
so erroꝛ is hell, oꝛ a miſcheefe as bad.
What better a lawe,
Than ſubiects in awe.

13 Such awe as a warning, will cauſe to beware,
doth make the whole houſhold, the better to fare.

14 The leſſe of thy counſell, thy ſeruants doth knowe,
their dutie the better, ſuch ſeruants ſhall ſhowe.
Good muſicke regard,
Good ſeruants reward.

15 Such ſeruants are ofteneſt painfull and good,
that ſing in their labour, like birds in the wood:

16 Good ſeruants hope iuſtlie, ſome friendſhip to feele,
and looke to haue fauoꝛ, what time they doo weele.
By once or twiſe,
Tis time to be wiſe.

17 Take ruumagate Robin, to pitie his need,
and looke to be filched, as ſure as thy creed.

18 Take warning by once, that a woꝛſe doo not hap,
foꝛeſight is the ſtopper of many a gap.
Some change for a ſhift,
Oft change ſmall thrift.

19 Make few of thy counſell, to change foꝛ the beſt,
leaſt one that is trudging, inferreth the reſt.

20 The ſtone that is rolling can gather no moſſe,
foꝛ maiſter and ſeruant oft changing is loſſe.
Both liberall ſticketh,
Some prouender pricketh.

21 One dog foꝛ a hog, and one cat foꝛ a mouſe,
one readie to giue, is inough in a houſe:

22 One gift ill accepted, keepe next in thy purſe,
whom prouender pricketh, are often the wurſe.

One liberall.

I.ſ.

¶ *Brewing*

✻ *Brewing.*

Brew somewhat for thine,
Else bring vp no swine.

1 Where brewing is needfull, be brewer thy selfe,
what filleth thy roofe, will helpe furnish thy shelfe.
2 In buying of drinke, buie the firken or pot,
the tallie ariseth, but hog amends not.

Well brued, worth cost,
Ill vsed halfe lost.

3 One bushell well brewed outlasteth some twaine,
and saueth both malt and expenses in vaine.
4 Too new is no profit, to stale is as bad,
drinke dead or else sower, makes labourer sad.

Remember good Gill,
Take paine with thy swill.

Seething of grains.

5 Seeth graines in more water, while graines be yet hot,
and stirre them in copper as porredge in pot.
6 Such heating with straw, to haue offals good store,
both pleaseth and easeth, what would ye haue more?

✻ *Baking.*

New bread is a driuell,
Much crust is as euell.

1 New bread is a waster, but mouldie is worse,
what that waie dog catcheth, that loseth the purse.
2 Much dowbake I praise not, much crust is as ill,
the meane is the huswife, say nay if ye will.

¶ *Cookerie.*

Good cookerie craueth,
Good turnbroch saueth.

1 Good cooke to dresse dinner, to bake and to hyue,
deserues a reward being honest and true.
2 Good diligent turnbroch and trustie withall,
is sometime as needfull as some in the hall.

✻ *Dairie.*

Good dairie dooth pleasure,
Ill dairie spends treasure.

1 Good huswife in dairie that needs not be told,
deserueth hir fee to be paid hir in gold.

2 Ill seruant neglecting what huswifrie saies,
deserueth hir fee to be paid hir with baies.

Good droie woorth much,
Marke sluts and such.

3 Good droie to serue hog, to helpe wash, and to milke,
more needfull is truely, than some in their silke.

4 Though homely be milker, let cleanly be cooke,
for a slut and a slouen be knowne by their looke.

In dairie no cat,
Laie bane for a rat.

5 Though cat (a good mouser) dooth dwell in a house,
yet euer in dairie haue trap for a mouse. Traps for rats.

6 Take heed how thou laiest, the bane for the rats,
for poisoning of seruant, thy selfe and thy brats.

¶ *Scowring*

No scowring for pride,
Spare kettle whole side.

1 Though scowring be needfull, yet scowring too much,
is pride without profit, and robbeth thine hutch.

2 Keepe kettles from knockes, set tubs out of sun,
for mending is costly, and crackt is soone dun.

¶ *Washing.*

Take heede when ye wash,
Else run in the lash.

1 Wasds, wash wel, and wring wel, but beat ye wot how,
if any lacke beating, I feare it be you.

2 In washing by hand, haue an eie to thy boll,
for launders and millers, be quicke of their toll.

Drie sun, drie wind,
Safe bind, safe find.

3 Go wash well saith summer, with sunne I shall dye,
go wring well saith winter, with wind so shall I.

4 To trust without heed, is to venter a ioint,
giue tale and take count, is a huswifely point.

Where many be packing,
Are many things lacking.

5 Where hens fall a cackling, take heed to their nest,
when drabs fall a whispering, take heed to the rest.

6 Though negligent huſwifes, are many things lacking
and gillet ſuſpected, will quicklie be packing.

¶ *Malting.*

Ill malting is theft
Wood dride hath a weft.

Malting. 1 Houſe may be ſo handſome, and ſkilfulneſſe ſuch,
to make thine owne malt, it ſhal profit thee much.
2 Some dryeth with ſtraw, and ſome dryeth with wood,
wood aſketh more charge, and nothing ſo good.

Take heed to the kell,
Sing out as a bell.

3 Be ſure no chances, to fier can draw,
the wood or the furzen, the brake or the ſtraw.
4 Let gillet be ſinging, it dooth verie well,
to keepe hir from ſleeping, and burning the kell.

Beſt dried beſt ſpeeds,
Ill kept bowd breeds.

5 Malt being well ſpeered, the more it will caſt,
malt being well dryed, the longer will laſt.
6 Long kept in ill ſoller (vndoubted thou ſhalt)
through bowds without number, loſe quicklie thy malt.

✻ *Dinner matters.*

For hunger or thirſt,
Serue cattell well firſt.

Dinner time. 1 By noone ſee your dinner, be readie and neat,
let meat tarrie ſeruant, not ſeruant his meat.
2 Plough cattle a baiting, call ſeruants to dinner,
the thicker togither, the charges the thinner.

Togither is beſt,
For hoſtis and gheſt.

3 Due ſeaſon is beſt, altogither is gaie,
diſpateh hath no fellow, make ſhort and awaie.
4 Beware of gill laggoſe, diſordring thy houſe,
no dainties who catcheth, then craftie fed mouſe:

Let ſuch haue inough,
That follow the plough.

5 Giue ſeruant no dainties, but giue him inough,
too manie chaps walking, doo begger the plough.

6 Pore

6 Poore seggons halfe starued, worke faintly and dull,
and lubbers doo loiter, their bellies too full.
Giue neuer too much,
To lazie and such.

7 Fæd lazie that thresheth, a flap and a tap,
like slothfull, that alway be stopping a gap.

8 Some litherlie lubber, more eateth then twoo,
yet leaueth vndone, that another will doo.
Where nothing will last.
Spare such as thou hast.

9 Some cutteth thy linnen, some spoileth their broth,
bare table to some, doth aswell as a cloth.

10 Treene dishes be homely, and yet not to lacke,
Where stone is no laster, take tankard and iacke.
Knap boy on the thums,
And saue him his crums.

11 That pewter is neuer, for manerly feasts,
which daily doth serue, so vnmanerly beasts.

12 Some gnaweth & leaueth, some crusts & some crums,
eat such their owne leauings, or gnaw their own thums.
Serue God euer furst,
Take nothing at wurst.

13 At dinner, at supper, at morning, at night, Grace before and after meat.
giue thankes vnto God, for his giftes so in sight.

14 Good husband and huswife, will sometimes alone,
make shift with a morsel, and picke of a bone.
Enough thou art told,
Too much will not hold.

15 Three dishes well dressed, and welcome withall,
both pleaseth thy friend, and becommeth thine hall.

16 Enough is a plentie, too much is a pride,
the plough with ill holding, goes quickly aside.

¶ *After noone workes.*

Make companie breake, After noone workes.
Go cherish the weake.

1 When dinner is ended, set seruants to wurke,
and follow such fellowes, as loueth to lurke.

2 To ſeruant in ſickneſſe ſee nothing ye grutch,
a thing of a trifle ſhall comfort him mutch.
Who manie doo feed,
Saue much they had need.

3 Put chippings in drippings, vſe parings to ſaue,
fat capons or chickens that lookeſt to haue.

4 Saue droppings and ſkimmings, how euer ye dow,
for medcine for cattell, for cart, and for ſhow.
Leane capon vnmeet,
Deere fed is vnſweet.

5 Such offcorne as commeth, giue wife to hir fee,
feed willingly ſuch as doo helpe to feed thee.

6 Though fat feed as daintie, yet I thee this warne,
be cunning in fatting for robbing thy barne.
Peece hole to defend,
Things timelie amend.

7 Good ſemſters be ſowing of fine prettie knackes,
good huſwifes be mending and peecing their ſacks.

8 Though making and mending be huſwifely waies,
yet mending in time is the huſwife to praies.
Buie new as is meet,
Marke blanket and ſheet.

9 Though ladies may rend and buy new ery day,
good huſwiues muſt mend, and buie new as they may.

10 Call quarterlie ſeruants, to court and to leet,
write euerie couerlet, blanket and ſheet.
Shift ſlouenlie elfe,
Be gailer thy ſelfe.

11 Though ſhifting too oft be a theefe in a houſe,
yet ſhift ſlut and ſlouen, for feare of a louſe.

12 Grant doubtfull no key of his chamber in purſe,
leaſt chamber doore lockt, be to theeuerie a nurſe.
Saue fethers for geſt,
Theſe other rob cheſt.

Saue fethers. 13 Saue wing for a threſher, when a gander doth die,
ſaue feathers of all thing the ſofter to lie.

14 Much ſpice is a theefe, ſo is candle and fier,
ſweet ſauce is as craftie as euer was frier.

Wiſ

Wife make thine owne candle,
Spare pennie to handle.

15 Prouide for thy tallow, yer frost commeth in,
and make thine owne candle yer winter begin.
16 If pennie for all thing be suffered to trudge, Candle making.
trust long not to pennie, to haue him thy drudge.

¶ *Euening works.*

Time drawing to night,
See all things go right.

1 When hennes go to roost, go in hand to dresse meate,
serue hogs, and to milking, and some to serue neate,
2 Where twaine be ynow, be not serued with three,
more knaues in a companie worser they bee.

Make lackie to trudge,
Make seruant thy drudge.

3 For euerie trifle leaue fanting thy nag,
but rather make lackie of Jack boy thy wag.
4 Make seruant at night lug in wood or a log,
let none come in emptie, but slut and thy dog.

False knaue readie prest,
All safe is the best.

5 Where pullen vse nightly, to pearch in the yard,
there two legged foxes, keepe watches and ward.
6 See cattle well serued, without and within,
and all thinges at quiet, yer supper begin.

Take heed it is needfull,
True pittie is meedfull.

7 No clothes in garden, no trinckets without,
no doore leaue vnbolted, for feare of a dout,
8 Thou woman whom pitie becommeth the best,
graunt all that hath laboured, due time to take rest.

¶ *Supper matters.*

Vse mirth and good word,
At bed and at bord.

1 Prouide for thy husband, to make him good cheere,
make merrie togither, while time ye be heere.
2 At bed and bord, howsoeuer befall,
what euer God sendeth be merrie withall.

No bralling make,
No gelouſie take.

3 No tauntes before ſeruantes, for hindring of fame,
no iarring too loud, for auoiding of ſhame.
4 As franſie and hereſie, roueth togither,
ſo gelouſie leadeth, a fole ye wot whither.

Tend ſuch as ye haue,
Stop talkatiue knaue.

5 Yong children and chickens, would euer be eating,
hod ſeruants loke dulie, for gentle intreating.
6 No ſeruant at table, vſe ſawſly to talke,
leaſt tong ſet at large, out of meaſure do walke.

No ſnatching at all,
Sirs harken now all.

7 No lurching, no ſnatching, no ſtriuing at all,
leaſt one go without, and another haue all.
8 Declare after ſupper, take hæd thereunto,
what worke in the morning, ech ſeruant ſhall do.

¶ *After ſupper matters.*

Thy ſoule hath a clog,
Forget not thy dog.

Workes after ſupper.

1 Remember thoſe children, whoſe parents be poore,
which hunger, yet dare not craue at thy doore.
2 Thy bandog that ſerueth, for diuers miſhaps,
forget not to giue him, thy bones and thy ſcraps.

Make keyes to be keepers,
To, bed ye ſleepers.

3 Where mouthes be manie, to ſpend that thou haſt,
ſet keies to be kæpers, for ſpending too faſt.
4 To bed after ſupper, let dyouſie go ſlæpe,
leaſt knaue in the darke, to his marrow do creepe.

Keepe keies as thy life,
Feare candle good wife.

5 Such keies lay vp ſafe, yer ye take to reſt,
of dairie, of buttrie, of cupboord and cheſt.
6 Feare candle in haiſloft, in barne, and in ſhed,
feare flea ſmocke & mendbræch, for burning their bed.

See

See doores lockt fast,
Two Keies make wast.

7 A doore without locke, is a baite for a knaue,
a locke without key, is a foole that will haue.
8 One keie to two lockes, if it breake it is a greefe,
two keies to one locke, in the end is a theefe.

Night works troubles hed,
Locke doores and to bed.

9 The day willeth done, whatsoeuer ye bid,
the night is a theefe, if ye take not good hid.
10 Wash dishes, lay leuens, saue fire and away,
locke doores and to bed, a good huswife will say.

To bed Know thy guise,
To rise doo likewise.

Bed time. Time to rise.

11 In winter at nine, and in summer at ten,
to bed after supper, both maidens and men.
12 In winter at fiue a clocke, seruant ariseth,
in summer at foure, is verie good guise.

Loue as ye may,
Loue many a day.

13 Be lowly not sullen, if ought go amisse,
what wresting may loose thee, that win with a kisse:
24 Both beare and forbeare, now and then as ye may,
then wench God a mercy, thy husband will say.

¶ The plowmans feasting daies.

This would not be slept,
Old guise must be kept.

GOOD huswiues, whom God hath inriched ynough,
forget not the feastes, that belong to the plough:
The meaning is onely, to toy and be glad,
for comfort with labour, is fit to be had.

Plough Monday.

Leicestershire.

Plough Monday, next after that Twelftide is past,
bids out with the plough, the worst husband is last:
If plowman get hatchet, or whip to the skreene,
maids loseth their cocke, if no water be seene.

Shroftide.

Shroftide.

Eſſex and Suffolke.

3 At Shroftide to ſhrouing, go threſh the fat hen,
if blindfold can kill hir, then giue it thy men:
Maids, fritters and pancakes, ynow ſee ye make,
let ſlut haue one pancake, for companie ſake.

Sheepe ſhearing.

Northampton.

4 Wife make vs a dinner, ſpare fleſh neither corne,
make wafers and cakes, for our ſheepe muſt be ſhorne.
At ſheepeſhearing neighbours none other thing craue,
but good cheere and welcome, like neighbours to haue.

The wake daie.

Leiceſter ſhire.

5 Fill ouen full of flawnes, Ginnie paſſe not for ſleepe,
to morrow thy father, his wake day will keepe:
Then euery wanton, may danſe at hir will,
both Tomkin with Tomlin, and Jankin with Gill.

Harueſt home.

6 For all this good feaſting, yet art thou not loſe,
till ploughman thou giueſt, his harueſt home goſe:
Though goſe go in ſtubble, I paſſe not for that,
let goſe haue a goſe, be ſhe leane be ſhe fat.

Seed cake.

Eſſex and Suffolke.

7 Wife ſometime this weeke, if the weather hold cleere,
an end of wheat ſowing, we make for this yeere:
Remember thou therefore, though I dow it not,
the ſeed cake, the paſties, and turmentie pot.

Twiſe a weeke roſt.

8 Good ploughmen loke weekelie, of cuſtome and right,
for roaſtmeat on ſundaies, and thurſdaies at night,
This doing and keeping, ſuch cuſtome and guiſe,
they call thee good huſwife, they loue thee likewiſe.

¶ Good huſwifelie *phyſicke*.

GOod huſwife prouides, yer an ſickneſs do come,
of ſundrie good things, in hir houſe to haue ſome:
Good aqua compoſita, and vineger tart,
Roſe water and treacle, to comfort thine hart.

Cold

Cold hearbs in hir garden, for agues that burne,
that ouerſtrong heat, to good temper may turne.
White endiue and ſuckerie, with ſpinage enough,
all ſuch with good potherbs, ſhould follow the plough.
Get water of fumitorie, liuer to coole,
and others the like, or elſe lie like a foole.
Conſerues of barberie, quinces and ſuch,
with ſirops, that eaſeth the ſicklie ſo much.
Aſke Medicus counſell, yer medicine ye make, Phyſician
and honour that man, for neceſſities ſake.
Though thouſands hate phyſicke, becauſe of the coſt,
yet thouſands it helpeth, that elſe ſhould be loſt.
Good brothy and good keeping, do much now and than, God diet.
good diet with wiſedome, beſt comforteth man.
In health to be ſtirring, ſhall profit thee beſt, Think on thy ſoule & haue a good hope.
in ſickneſs hate trouble, ſeeke quiet and reſt.
Remember thy ſoule, let no fanſie preuaile,
make readie to Godward, let faith neuer quaile.
The ſoner thy ſelfe, thou ſubmitteſt to God,
the ſoner he ceaſeth, to ſcourge with his rod.

¶ Good motherlie *nurſerie.*

GOod huſwiues take paine, and do count it good lucke,
to make their owne breaſt, their owne child to giue ſucke.
Though wralling and rocking be noiſome ſo neare,
yet loſt by ill nurſing, is worſer to heare.
But one thing I warne thee, let huſwife be nurſe,
leaſt huſband do find thee, too frank with his purſe.
What hilbacke and filbellie, maketh awaie,
that helpe to make good, or elſe loke for a fraie.
Giue child that is fitlie, giue babie the big,
giue hardneſs to youth, and to ropetipe a twig.
We find it not ſpoken ſo often for naught,
that children were better, vnborne than vntaught.
Some cocknies with cocking, are made verie foles
fit neither for prentiſe, for plough nor for ſchooles.

Teach

Teach child to aſke bleſſing, ſerue God, and to church,
then bleſſe as a mother, elſe bleſſe him with burch.
Thou hnſwife thus doing, what further ſhall næd:
but all men to call thee, good mother in déed.

¶ *Thinke on the poore.*

REmember the poore, that for Gods ſake do call,
for God both rewardeth, and bleſſeth withall:
Take this in good part, what ſoeuer thou bee,
and wiſh me no worſe, than I wiſh to thée.

✻ A compariſon betweene good huſwiferie and euill.

Comparing togither, good huſwife and bad,
The knowledge of either, the better is had.

ILL huſwiferie lieth,
till nine of the clocke:
God huſwiferie trieth,
to riſe with the cocke.

2 Ill huſwiferie tooteth,
to make hir ſelfe braue:
God huſwiferie looketh,
what houſhold muſt haue.

3 Ill huſwiferie truſteth,
to him and to hir:
God huſwiferie luſteth,
hir ſelfe for to ſtir.

4 Ill huſwiferie careth,
for this nor for that:
God huſwiferie ſpareth,
for feare ye wot what.

5 Ill huſwiferie pricketh,
hir ſelfe vp in pride:
God huſwiferie tricketh,
hir houſe as a bride.

6 Ill huſwiferie othing,
or other muſt craue:
God huſwiferie nothing
but nædfull will craue.

7 Ill huſwiferie moueth,
with goſſep to ſpend:
God huſwiferie loueth,
hir houſhold to tend.

8 Ill huſwiferie wanteth,
with ſpending too faſt:
God huſwiferie canteth,
the lenger to laſt.

9 Ill huſwiferie eaſeth,
hir ſelfe with vnknowne:
God huſwiferie pleaſeth,
hir ſelfe with hir owne.

10 Ill huſwiferie brooketh,
mad toies in hir hed:
God huſwiferie looketh,
that all thinges be fed.

11 Ill huſwiferie bringeth,
a ſhilling to naught:
God huſwiferie ſingeth,
his cofers full fraught.

11 Ill huſwiferie rendeth,
and caſteth aſide:
God huſwiferie mendeth,
elſe would it go wide.

13 Ill

13 Ill huſwiferie ſweepeth,
hir linnen to gage:
Good huſwiferie keepeth,
to ſerue hir in age.

14 Ill huſwiferie craueth,
in ſecret to borrow:
Good huſwiferie ſaueth,
to day for to morrow.

15 Ill huſwiferie pineth,
not hauing to eat:
Good huſwiferie dineth,
with plentie of meat.

16 Ill huſwiferie letteth,
the diuell take all:
Good huſwiferie ſetteth,
good brag of a ſmall.

Good huſwife good fame hath, of beſt in the towne:
Ill huſwife ill name hath, of euerie clowne.

Thus endeth the booke of Huſwiferie.

For men a perfect warning,
How child ſhould come by learning.

ALl you that faine would lerne the perfect waie,
To haue your child in muſicke ſomething ſæn:
Aſke nature firſt, what there to ſhe doth ſay,
Yer further ſute ye make to ſuch a quéene.
For doubtleſſe *Groſſum caput* is not he,
Of whom the learned muſes ſeene will be.

2 Once tride that nature trim hath donne hir part,
And ladie muſicke farre in loue withall:
Be wiſe who firſt doth teach thy child that art,
Leaſt homelie breaker mar fine ambling ball.
Not rod in mad brains hand is that can helpe,
But gentle ſkill doth make the proper whelpe.

3 Where choiſe is hard, count good for well a fine,
Skill mixt with will is he that teacheth beſt:
Let this ſuffice for teaching child of thine,
Chooſe quicklie well for all the lingring reſt.
Miſtaught at firſt, how ſeldome prooueth well,
Trim taught, O God, how ſhortlie doth excell.

4 Although as ſhips muſt tarrie wind and tide,
And perfect howres abide their ſtinted time:
So likewiſe though of learning dailie tride
Space muſt be had, yer wit maie thereto clime.

Yet eaſie ſteps and perfect waie to truſt,
Doth cauſe good ſpæd, confeſſe of force we muſt.

5 Thus in the child though wit inough we find,
And teacher good neere hand, or other where:
And time as apt as may be thought with mind,
Nor cauſe in ſuch thing much to doubt or feare.
Yet cocking mams and ſhifting dads from ſchooles,
Makes pregnant wits, to proue vnlearned fooles.

6 Yet learning come, to haue firſt art thou taught,
Apt learning child, apt time, then thing to frame:
Apt cunning man to teach, elſe all is naught,
Apt parents, glad to bring to paſſe the ſame.
On ſuch apt ground the muſes loue to build,
This leſſon learne, adieu elſe learned child.

¶ The deſcription of a womans age by vi. times xiiii. yeares prentiſhip, with *a leſſon to the ſame.*

14 Two firſt ſeuen yeares, for a rod they dw whine,
28 Two next, as a pearle in the world they dw ſhine,
42 Two next, trim beautie beginneth to ſwerue,
56 Two next, for matrones or drudges they ſerue,
70 Two next, doth craue a ſtaffe for a ſtaie,
84 Two next, a bëere to fetch them awaie.

A leſſon. { Then purchaſe ſome pelfe, by fiftie and three: Or buckle thy ſelfe, a drudge for to bee.

¶ The inholders Poſie.

AT meales my friend who vittleth here, ſitteth with his hoſt,
Shall both be ſure of better chëere, and ſcape with leſſer coſt.
But he that will attendance haue, a chamber by himſelfe,
Muſt more regard what paines dw crane, than pas of worldly pelfe.
Let no man looke to purchaſe linne, with pinching by the waie,
But laie before he takes his Anne, to make his purſſe to paie.

For

For nothing pay and nothing praie, in Inne it is the guise, (wise
Where no point gaine, there no point paine, think this if you be

For tolling much, & spoiling more, great cost smal gains or none,
Some sets thine host at needams shore, to craue the begers bone.

Foreseeing this, come day or night, take vp what place ye please
Use mine as thine, let fortune spight, and boldly take thine ease.

❋ Certaine Table lessons.

FRiend, eat lesse and drinke lesse, and buy thee a knife,
else looke for a caruer not alway to rife:
Some kniueles se their daggers for brauerie doo weare,
that often for surfetting need not to feare.

2 At dinner and supper, the table doth craue,
good fellowlie neighbour, good maners to haue:
Aduise thee well therefore, yer toong be too free,
or slapsauce be noted, too saucie to bee.

3 If anie thing wanteth or seemeth amis,
to call for, or shew it, good maner it is:
But busie fault-finder, and saucie withall,
is roisting like ruffin, no maner at all.

4 Some cutteth the napkin, some trenchers will nicke,
some sheweth like follie in many a tricke:
Let such apish bodie, so toteng at meales,
go tose with his noddie, like ape in the fleat.

5 Some commeth vnsent for, not for the good cheere,
but sent as a spiall, to listen and heere.
Which being once knowne, for a knaue let him go,
for knaue will be knauish, his nature is so.

¶ Lessons for waiting seruants.

ONe diligent seruitor, skilfull to weight,
more comlieth thy table, than other some eight:
That stand for to listen, or gazing about,
not minding their dutie, within nor without.

2 Such waiter is faultie, that standeth so by,
vnmindfull of seruice, forgetting his ey:

If

If maister to such, giue a bone for to gnaw,
he doth but his office to teach such a daw.

3 Such seruitor also deserueth a cherke,
that runneth out fizging, with meat his becke:
Such rauening puttocks, for vittels so trim,
would haue a good maister, to puttocke with him.

4 Who dailie can suffer, or else can afford,
his meat so vp snatched, that coms from his bord:
So tossed with cormorants, heere and there some,
and others to want it, that orderlie come:

5 Good seruitor waieth (once supper begun)
what asketh attendance, and what to be dun:
So purchasing maister, a praise with the best,
get praise to himselfe, both of maister and gheest.

¶ Husbandlie posies for the hall.

FRiend, here I dwell, and here I haue a little worldlie pelfe,
Which on my friend I kéepe to spend, as well as on my selfe.

2 What euer fare you hap to find, take welcome for the best,
That hauing then disdaine thou not, for wanting of the rest.

3 Backbiting talke that flatring blabs, kno willie how to bleme:
The wise doth note, the friend doth hate, the enimie to reuenge.

4 The wise will spend, or giue or lend, yet keepe to haue a stoare,
If fooles maie haue from hand to mouth, they passe vpon no more.

5 Where ease is sought, at last we see, there plentie wareth scant,
Who careles liues go borrow must, or else full often want.

6 The world doth think, the welthy man, is he that least shal win
But true it is, the godlie man is he that best shall spend.

¶ Posies for the parlour.

AS hatred is the serpents noisome rod,
So friendship is the louing gift of God.

2 The drunken friend is friendship verie euill,
The frantike friend is friendship for the diuell.

3 The quiet friend all one in word and déed,
Great comfort is, like readie gold at need.

4 Wilth brawling foles, that wrall for euerie wrong,
Firme friendship neuer can continue long.

5 In time that man, shall seldome friendship mis,
That waieth what thing, such kept in friendship is.

6 Oft times a friend is got with easie cost,
Which vsed euill, is oft as quickly lost.

7 Hast thou a friend, as hart may wish at will,
Then vse him so to haue his friendship still.

8 Wouldst haue a friend, wouldst know what friend is best:
Haue God thy friend, who passeth all the rest.

¶ Posies for the ghests chambers.

THe slouen and the careles man, the roinish nothing nice,
To lodge in chamber comly deckt, be seldome suffred twice.

2 With curten some make scaberd clean, with couerlet their show
All mire and durt some wallow bed, as spaniels vse to dow.

3 Though boots & spurs be nere so foule, what passeth some theron,
What place they foule, or thing they teare by tumbling therupon.

4 Foule male some cast on faier bord, be carpet nere so cleene,
What maners careles maister hath, by knaue his man is seene.

5 Some make the chimnie chamberpot, to smel like filthie sinke,
Yet who so bold, so sone to say, fough, how these houses stinke.

6 They therefore such as make no force, what comlie thing to spil,
Must haue a cabben like themselues, although against their will.

7 But gentlemen will gently dow, where gentlenes is shewd,
Obseruing this, with loue abide, or else hence all beshrewd.

¶ Posies for thine owne bed chamber.

WHat wisdom more, what better life, than pleseth god to send,
What worldly goods, what lõger vse, than pleseth god to send

2 What better fare than wel content, agréeing with thy wealth:
What better ghest, than trustie friend, in sickenes and in health:

3 What better bed than conscience good, to passe the night with
what better work, then daily care, fro sin thy selfe to keep. (sleep:

4 What better thoght, than thinke on God, & dailie him to serue,
what better gift than to the poore, that readie be to sterue:

5 What greater praise of God and man, than mercie for to shew,
who merciles, shall mercie find, that mercie shewes to few:

6 What worse despaire, than loth to die, for feare to go to hell:
what greater faith, than trust in God, through Christ in heauen to
(dwell:

¶ A sonet to the Lady Paget.

Some pleasures take,
and cannot giue,
but only make,
poore thanks their shift:
Some meaning well,
in debt do liue,
and cannot tell,
how else to shift.

Some mocke and faine,
would ope the doore,
to learne the vaine,
good turne to praise:

Some shew good face,
and be but poore,
yet haue a grace,
good fame to raise.
Some owe and giue,
yet still in det,
and so must liue,
for aught I know:
Some wish to pay,
and cannot get,
but night and day,
still more must owe.

Euen so must I, for seruice past,
Still wish you good, while life doth last.

¶ *Principall points of Religion.*

1 To pray to God continually,
To lerne to know him rightfully,
2 To honour God in Trinity,
3 The Trinitie in vnity,
The Farher in his maiestie,
The Sonne in his humanity,
The Holie ghosts benignity,
Three persons, one in Deitie.
4 To serue him alway holily,
5 To aske him all things needfully,
6 To praise him in all company,
7 To loue him alway hartily,
8 To dread him alway christianly,

9 To aske him mercie penitently,
10 To truſt him alway faithfully,
11 To obey him alway willingly,
12 To abide him alway patiently,
13 To thanke him alway thankfully,
14 To liue here alway vertuouſly,
15 To vſe thy neighbor honeſtly,
16 To looke for death ſtill preſently
17 To helpe the poore in miſery,
18 To hope for heauens felicity,
19 To haue faith hope and charity,
20 To count this life but vanitie,
Be points of Chriſtianitie.

The Authors beleefe.

THis is my ſtedfaſt Creed, my faith, and all my truſt, God the Father.
that in the heuens there is a God, both mightie mild, & iuſt:
A God aboue all gods, a King aboue all kings,
The Lord of lords, cheefe gouernor, of heauen & earthlie things.

2 That power hath of life, of death, of heauen and hell, Maker of heauen.
That all things made as pleaſeth him, ſo wonderfull to tell:
That made the hanging ſkies, ſo deckt with diuers lights,
Of darkenes made the cheerefull daies, and all our reſtfull nights

3 That clad the earth with herbe, with trées and ſundrie fruits, The earth
With beaſt, with bird, both wild & tame, of ſtrange & ſundry ſuits
That intermixt the ſame, with mines like veines of ore,
Of ſiluer, gold, of prétious ſtonss, and treaſures manie more.

4 That ſoined brooks to dales, to hils freſh water ſprings, The waters.
With riuers ſweet along the meads, to profit manie things: Froſt and ſnow.
That made the horie froſts, the flakie ſnowes ſo trim,
The honie dewes, the bluſtering winds, to ſerue as pleſeth him.

5 That made the ſurging ſeas, in courſe to eb and flo, The ſeas.
That ſkilfull man with ſailing ſhip, might trauell to and fro:
And ſtored ſo the ſame, for mans vnthankfull ſake,
That euerie nation vnder heauen, might thereby profit take.

The soule of man.

6 That gaue to man a soule, with reason how to liue,
That doth to him and all things else, his blessing dailie giue:
That is not séene yet seeth, how man doth run his race,
Whose dailie works both good & bad, are known before his face.

Thunder and plages

7 That sendeth thundring claps, like terrors out of hell,
That man may know a god there is, ý in the heauens do dwell:
That sendeth threatning plagues, to keepe our liues in awe,
His benefits if we forget, or do contemne his lawes.

8 That dailie hateth sinne, and loueth vertue well,
And is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israell:
That doth displeasure take, when we his lawes offend,
And yet amids his heaute wrath, his mercie doth extend.

Christ the sonne.

9 This is that Lord of hosts, the father of vs all,
The maker of what ere was made, my God on whom I call.
Which for the loue of man, sent downe his onlie sonne,
Begot of him before the worlds, were any whit begonne.

Christs birth.

10 This entred Maries wombe, as faith affirmeth sure,
Conceiued by the Holie ghost, borne of that virgin pure:
This was both God and man, of Iewes the hoped king,
And liued here saue onlie sinne, like man in euerie thing.

Christ our Messias.

11 This is that virgins child, that same most holie præst,
The lambe of God, the prophet great, who scripture calleth Christ
This that Messias was, of whom the prophet spake,
That should tread down the serpents head, & our atonment make.

Christs passion.

12 This Iudas did betray, to false dissembling Iewes,
Which vnto Pilat being iudge, did falselie him accuse:
Who (through that wicked iudge) and of those Iewes despight,
Condemned and tormented was, with all the force they might.

13 To liuing wight more euill, what could such wretches do?
More pearsing woonds, more bitter pains, than they did put him
They crowned him with thorne, ý was the king of kings: (to:
That sought to saue the soule of man, aboue all worldie things.

14 This was that paschall lambe, whose loue for vs so stood,
That on the mount of Caluarie, for vs did shed his bloud:
Where hanging on the crosse, no shame he did forsake,
Till death giuen him by pearsing speare, an end of life did make.

Christs death.

15 This

15 This Joseph seeing dead, the bodie thence did craue,
And toke it forthwith from the crosse, and laid in his graue:
Downe thence he went to hell in using there his will,
His power I meane, his slained corps in toms remaining still.

Christs buriall.
Christs descention.

16 From death to life againe, the third daie he did rise,
And seene on earth to his elect, times oft in sundrie wise:
And after into heauen, ascend he did in sight,
And sitteth on the right hand there, of God the father of might.

Christs resurrection.
Christs ascension.

17 Where for vs wretches all, his father he doth pray,
To haue respect vnto his death, and put our sins away:
From thence with sounded trump, which noise all flesh shal dred,
Ye shall returne with glorie againe, to iudge the quicke and ded.

Christ shall be our iudg

18 Then shall that voice be heard, Come come ye good to me,
Hence hence to hell ye workers euill, where paine shall euer be:
This is that louing Christ, whom I my Sauiour call,
And onlie put my trust in him, and in none else at all.

The iudges sētence

19 In God the holie Ghost, I firmelie do beleeue,
Which from the father and the sonne, a blessed life doth geeue:
Which by the prophets spake, which doth all comfort send,
Which I do trust shall be my guide, when this my life shall end.

God the Holy ghost.

20 A holie catholike church, on earth I grant there is,
And those which frame their liues by that, shall neuer do amis:
The head whereof is Christ, his word the chiefest post,
Preseruer of this temple great, is God the Holie ghost.

The catholike church.

21 I do not doubt there is, a multitude of Saints,
More good is don resembling them, than telling them our plaints
Their faith and works in Christ, that glorie did them giue,
Which glorie we shall likewise haue, if likewise we do liue.

The communion of saints.

22 At God of heauen there is forgiuenesse of our sins,
Through Christs death, through faith in it, and through none other (ginnes:
If we repentant here, his mercie daielie craue,
Through stedfast hope & faith in Christ, forgiuenes we shall haue.

Forgiuenes of sins.

23 I hope and trust vpon the rising of the flesh,
This corps of mine that first must die, shall rise againe afresh:
The soule and bodie euen then, in one shall ioined be,
As Christ did rise from deth to life, euen so through Christ shal we.

Mans resurrection.

24 As Chriſt is glorified, and neuer more ſhall die,
As Chriſt aſcended into heauen, through Chriſt euen ſo ſhall I:
As Chriſt I count my head, and I a member of his,
So God I truſt for Chriſtes ſake, ſhall ſettle me in blis.

THus here we learne of God, that there be perſons three,
The Father, Sonne, and Holie ghoſt, one God in Trinitée:
In ſubſtance all like one, one God, one Lord, one might,
Whoſe perſons yet we do deuide, and ſo we may by right.

As God the Father is, the maker of vs all,
So God the Sonne redæmer is, to whom for helpe we call:
And God the holie Ghoſt, the ſoule of man doth win,
By moning hir to waile for grace, aſhamed of hir ſin.

This is that God of gods, whom euerie ſoule ſhould loue,
Whom all mens harts ſhould quake for feare, his wrath on them
That this ſame mightie God, aboue all other cheefe, (to moue:
Shall ſaue my ſoule from dolefull hell, is all my whole beléefe.

¶ Of the omnipotencie of God *and debilitie of man.*

O God thou glorious God, what God is like to thee,
What life, what ſtrength is like to thine, as al the world may
The heauens, the earth, the ſeas, and all thy works therein, (ſee:
Do ſhew to whom thou wouldſt to know) what thou haſt euer bin.

2 But all the thoughts of man, are bent to wretched euill,
Man doth commit idolatry, bewitched of the deuill:
What ill is left vndone, where man may haue his will,
Man euer was an hypocrite, and ſo continues ſtill.

What theſe four diuels do ſignifie.

3 What dailie watch is made, the ſoule of man to ſlea,
By Luciſer, by Belſabub, Mammon, and Aſmodea:
In diueliſh pride, in wrath, in coueting too much,
In fleſhlie luſt the time is ſpent, the life of man is ſuch.

4 The ioy that man hath here, is as a ſparke of fire,
His acts be like the ſmouldring ſmoke, himſelfe like dirt & mire:
His ſtrength euen as a reed, his age much like the flower,
His breath or life is but a puffe, vncerteine euerie hower.

5 But

5 But for the Holie ghoſt, and for his gifts of grace,
The death of Chriſt, thy mercie great, man were in woefull caſe:
O grant vs therefore Lord to amend that is amiſſe,
And when from hence we doo depart, to reſt with thee in bliſſe.

Eleemoſyna prodeſt homini in vita, in morte, & poſt mortem.
Out of S. Auguſtine.

FOr onelie loue of God, more chriſtian like to liue, Of almeſ-deéds.
And for a zeale to helpe the poore, thine almes dailie giue:
Let gift no glorie loke, nor ill poſſeſſe thy mind,
And for a truth theſe profits three, through almes ſhalt thou find.

1 Firſt, here the holie Ghoſt, ſhall daielie through his grace,
Prouoke thee to repentant life, Gods mercie to embrace.

2 Of goods and friends (by death) when thou thy leaue muſt take
Thine almes deeds ſhall claſpe thy ſoule, and neuer it forſake.

4 When God ſhall after death, call ſone for thine account,
Thine almes then through thy faith in Chriſt, ſhal all things elſe

But yet for any déed, put thou no truſt therein, ſurmount.
But put thy truſt in God (through Chriſt) to pardon thee thy ſin.
For elſe as cackling hen, with noiſe bewraies hir neſt,
Euen ſo go thou and blaſe thy deeds, and loſe thou all the reſt.

Malus homo. Out of S. Auguſtine.

OF naughtie man I read, two ſundrie things are ment,
The one is man, th' other naught, which ought him to repent:
The man we ought to loue, becauſe of much therein,
The ill in him we ought to hate, euen as a filthie ſin.
So doth thy dailie ſinnes, the heauenlie Lord offend,
But when thou doſt repent the ſame, his wrath is at an end.

¶ *Of two ſorts of men, the one good and the* other bad. Out of S. Auguſtine.

SInce firſt the world began, there was and ſhall be ſtill,
Of humane kind two ſundrie ſorts, the one good the other ill:
Which till the iudgement date, ſhall here togither dwell,
But then the good ſhall vp to heauen, the bad ſhall downe to hell.

Saint Barnards verſes.

Diabolo cùm reſiſtitur, eſt vt formica: cùm verò eius ſuggeſtio recipitur, fortis eſt vt leo.

Out of S. Auguſtine.

When Satan we reſiſt, a piſmire ſhall he be,
But when we ſeeme to giue him place, a lion then is he.

¶ *Eight of S. Barnards verſes, both in Latine* and Engliſh, with one note to *them both.*

CVr mundus militat, ſub vana gloria,
Cuius proſperitas, eſt tranſitoria,
Tam citò labitur, eius potentia,
Quàm vaſi figuli, quæ ſunt fragilia.

1 Wie ſo triumphs the world, in pompe and glorie vaine,
Whoſe ſtate ſo happie thought, ſo fickle doth remaine:
Whoſe brauerie ſlipprie ſtands, and doth ſo ſone decaie,
As doth the potters pan, compact of brittle claie.

2 Plus crede literis, ſcriptis in glacie,
Quàm mundi fragilis, vane fallaciæ,
Fallax in præmiis, virtutis ſpecie,
Quæ nunquam habuit, tempus fiduciæ

2 More credit ſée thou giue, to letters wrote in iſe,
Than vnto vaine deceits, of brittle worlds deuiſe:
In gifts to vertue due, beguiling manie one,
Yet thoſe ſame neuer haue, long time to hope vpon.

3 Magis credendum eſt, viris fallacibus,
Quàm mundi miſeris proſperitatibus,
Falſis inſaniis & voluptatibus,
Falſis quoque ſtudiis & vanitatibus.

3 To falſe diſſembling men, more truſt is to be had,
Than to the proſperous ſtate, of wretched world ſo bad:
What with voluptuouſnes, and other maddiſh toies,
Falſe ſtudies wonne with paine, falſe vanities and ioies.

4 Dic vbi Salomon, olim tam nobilis?
Vel vbi Samſon eſt, dux inuincibilis?
Vel dulcis Ionathas, multùm amabilis?
Vel pulcher Abſolon, vultu mirabilis?

4 Tell where is Salomon, that once ſo noble was:
Or where now Samſon is, in ſtrength whom none could paſſe:
Or worthie Ionathas, that prince ſo louelie bold:
Or faier Abſolon, ſo goodlie to behold:

5 Quo Cæſar abiit, celſus imperio?
Vel Diues ſplendidus, totus in prandio?
Dic vbi Tullius, clarus eloquio?
Vel Ariſtoteles, ſummus ingenio?

5 Shew whither is Ceſar gone, which conquerd farre and nær
Or that rich famous Carle, ſo giuen to bellie cheere:
Shew where is Tullie now, for eloquence ſo fit:
Or Ariſtoteles, of ſuch a pregnant wit:

6 O eſca vermium! ô maſſa pulueris!
O ros! O vanitas! cur ſic extolleris?
Ignoras penitus, vtrum cras vixeris.
Fac bonum omnibus, quàm diu poteris.

6 O thou fit bait for worms! O thou great heape of duſt!
O dew! O vanitie! why ſo extolſt thou luſt:
Thou therefore ignorant, what time thou haſt to liue,
Do good to erie man, while here thou haſt to giue.

7 Quàm breue feſtum eſt, hæc mundi gloria?
Vt vmbra hominis, ſic eius gaudia,
Quæ ſẽper ſubtrahit, æterna præmia.
Et ducunt hominem, ad dura deuia.

7 How ſhort a feaſt to count, is this ſame worlds renowne:
Such as mens ſhadowes be, ſuch ioies they bring to towne:
Which alwaie plucketh vp, from Gods eternall blis,
And leadeth man to hell, a iuſt reward of his.

8 Hæc mundi gloria, quæ magni penditur,
Sacris in literis, flos fœni dicitur,
Vt leue folium, quod vento rapitur,
Sic vita hominum, hac vita tollitur.

8 The brauerie of this world, eſteemed here ſo much,
In ſcripture likened is, to flowre of graſſe and ſuch:
Like as the leafe ſo light, through wind abroad is blowne,
So life in this our life, full ſone is ouerthrowne.

¶ Of the Authors linked verſes *departing from the court to* the countrie.

MAſe not my friend to find me hære,
Contented with this meane eſtate:
And ſæme to dw with willing chéere,
That courtier doth ſo deadlie hate.

For fortunes lœke,
hath changed hew:
And I my bœke,
Muſt learne anew.

And yet of force to learne anew
Would much adaſh the dulled braine:
I craue to iudge and this be true,
The truant child that fæles the paine.

But where a ſpight,
Of force muſt be:
What is that wight,
Mate diſagrée:

No, no, Got wot, to diſagrée
Is ventring all to make or mar:
If fortune frowne we dailie ſæ,
It is not beſt to ſtriue to far.

For lordlie bent,
muſt learne to ſpare:
And be content,
With countrie fare.

From daintie court to countrie fare,
To daintie fed is diet ſtrange:
From cities ioie to countrie care
To ſkilleſſe folke is homelie change.

Where need yet can,
None other ſkill:
Somtime poore man
Muſt breake his will.

If courtlie change ſo breaketh will,
What countris life muſt ſerue the turne:
What profit then in ſtriuing ſtill,
Againſt the pricke to ſéeme to ſpurne:

If court with cart,
Muſt be content:
What eaſe to hart,
Thogh mind repent.

What gaine I though I dw repent,
My crutches all are broke and gone:
My wonted friends are careleſſe bent,
They feare no chance I chance vpon.

As næd doth make,
Old age to trot:
So muſt I take,
In worth my lot.

Nolv if I take in worth my lot
What fatall chance doth force me to:
If ye be friends vpbraid me not,
But vſe a friend as friends ſhould dw.

Behold the horſſe,
Muſt trudge for pelfe
And yet of force,
Content it ſelfe.

The Authors life.

Epodium. NOw gentle frind, if thou be kind,
Diſdaine thou not, although the lot,
Will not with me, no better he,
than doth appeere:

For

Nor let it griue, that thus I liue,
But rather geſſe, for quietneſſe,
As other doo, ſo doo I too,
content me heere.

2 By leaue and loue, of God aboue,
I mind to ſhew, in verſes few,
How through the trees my youthfull yeers,
haue run their race:
And further ſay, why ſo I ſtay,
And mind to liue, as Bee in hiue,
Full bent to ſpend, my life to an end,
in this ſame place.

3 It came to paſſe, that borne I was,
Of linage good, of gentle blood,
In Eſſex faier, in village faier,
that Riuenhall hight:
Which village lide, by Banktree ſide,
There ſpend did I, mine infanſie,
There then my name, in honeſt fame,
remaind in ſight.

Borne at Riuenhall in Eſſex.

4 I yet but yoong, no ſpeech of toong,
Nor teares withall, that often fall,
From mothers eies, when child out cries,
to part hir fro:
Could pitie make, good father take,
But out I muſt, to ſong be thruſt,
Say what I would, doo what I could,
his miud was ſo.

Set to long ſchoole

5 O painefull time, for euerie crime,
What toſed eares? like baited beares?
What bobbed lips? what yerks what nips?
what helliſh toſes?
What robes ſo bare? what colledge fare?
What bread, how ſtale? what pennie ale?
Then Wallingford, how wert thou abhord
of ſillie boies?

Walling-ford college

6 Thence for my voice, I muſt (no choice)
Awaie of force, like poſting horſe,

For

For sundrie men, had placards then,
such child to take:
The better brest, the lesser rest,
To serue the quære, now there now hære,
For time so spent, I may repent,
and sorrow make.

John Redford an excellent musician.

7 But marke the chance, my selfe to vance,
By friendships lot, to Paules I got,
So found I grace, a certeine space,
still to remaine:
With Redford there, the like no where,
For cunning such, and vertue much,
By whom some part, of musicks art,
so did I gaine.

Nicholas Udal schoolmaister at Eaton.

8 From Paules I went, to Eaton sent,
To learne straight waies, the Latin phraies,
Where fiftie thræ, stripes giuen to me,
at once I had:
For fault but small, or none at all,
It came to passe, thus beat I was,
Sæ Udall sæ, the mercie of thæ,
to me powre lad.

Trinitie hall in Cãbridge.

9 From London hence, to Cambridge thence,
With thanks to thæ, O Trinitie,
That to thy hall, so passing all,
I got at last:
There ioy I felt, there trim I dwelt,
There heauen from hell, I shifted well,
With learned men, a number then,
the time I past.

10 Long sickness had, then was I glad,
To leaue my booke, to proue and looke,
In court what gaine, by taking paine,
mought well be found:

Quartan ague.

L. Paget.

Lord Paget than, that nobleman,
Whose soule I trust, is with the iust,
That same was he, inriched me,
with manie a pound.

11 When

11 When this betide, good parents dide,
One after one, till both were gone,
Whose petigree, who list may see,
in Haroldes booke.
Whose soules in blisse, be long yer this,
For hope we must, as God is iust,
So here that craue, shall mercie haue,
that mercie looke.

12 By court I spide, and ten yeeres tride,
That cardes and dice, with Venus vice,
And peeuish pride, from vertue wide,
with some so waught:
That Tiburne play, made them away,
Or beggers state, as ill to hate,
By such like euils, I saw such diuels,
to come to naught.

The vices of the court.

13 Yet is it not, to be forgot,
In court that some, to worship come,
And some in time, to honour clime,
and speede full well:
Some haue such gift, that trim they shift,
Some profit make, by paines they take,
In perill much. though oft are such,
in court that dwell.

14 When court gan frown, and strife in town:
And lords and knights, saw heauie sights,
Then tooke I wife, and led my life,
in Suffolke soile.
There was I faine, my selfe to traine,
To learne too long, the farmers song,
For hope of pelfe, like worldlie elfe,
to moile and toile.

The nobilitie at variance in Edward the 6daies.

15 As in this booke, who list to looke,
Of husbandrie, and huswiferie,
There may he find, more of my mind,
concerning this.
To carke and care, and euer bare,
With losse and paine, to little gaine,

At Katwade in Suffolke this booke first deuised.

With

With shifts to saue, to cram sir knaue,
what life it is.
16 When wife could not, through sickness got
Moze toile abide, so nære sea side,
Ipswich cõmended Then thought I best, from toile to rest,
and Ipswich trie:
A towne of pzice, like paradice,
Foz quiet then, and honest men,
There was I glad, much friendship had,
a time to lie.
17 There left good wife, this pzesent life,
And there left I, house charges lie,
Foz glad was he, might send foz me,
good lucke so stood:
In Suffolke there, were euerie where,
Euen of the best, besides the rest,
That neuer did, their friendship bid,
to dew me good.
18 O Suffolke thow, content thee now,
New married in Suffolke. That hadst the pzaies, in those same daies,
Foz squires and knights, that well delights,
good house to kæpe.
Foz Norfolke wiles, so full of grulles,
Haue caught my toe, by wiuing so,
That out to thee, I see foz mee,
no waie to creepe.
Mistres Amie Mowne. 19 Foz lo, through gile, what haps the while,
Through Uenus toies, in hope of ioies,
I chanced sowne, to find a mowne,
of cheerefull hew:
Which well and fine, me thought did shine,
And neuer change, a thing most strange,
Yet kept in sight, hir course aright,
and compasse trew.
20 Behold of truth, with wife in youth,
Foz ioy at large, what dailie charge,
Through childzens hap, what opened gap,
to moze begun:

The

The child at nurse, to rob the purse,
The same to wed, to trouble hed,
For pleasure rare, such only care,
hath husband wun.

21 Then did I dwell, in Diram cell,
A place for wood that trimlie stood,
With flesh and fish, as hart would wish,
but when I spide:
That lord with lord, could not accord,
But now pound he, and now pound we,
Then left I all, because such brall,
I list not bide.

22 O Scathwell what, meanst thou by that,
Thou worthie wight, thou famous knight,
So me to craue, and to thy graue,
go by and by?
O death thou so, why didst thou so,
Ungentlie treat, that iewell great,
Which opt his doore to rich and poore,
so bountiously?

23 There thus bestad, when leaue I had,
By death of him, to sinke or swim,
And rauens I saw, together draw,
in such a sort:
Then waies I sought, by wisdome taught,
To beare low saile, least stocke should quaile,
Till ship might find, with prosperous wind,
some safer port.

24 At length by yew, to shore I drew,
Discharging straight, both ship and fraight,
At Norwich fine, for me and mine,
a citie trim:
Where strangers well, may seeme to dwell,
That pitch and pay, or keepe their day,
But who that want, shall find it scant,
so good for him.

25 But Salisburie how, were kept my vow,
If praise from thee, were kept by mee,

Thou

Ladloyds at variãce

Sir Richard Scothwell.

His vij. executors.

Norwich qualities.

Maister Salisbu-

rie deane of Norwich.

Thou gentle deane, mine onelie meane,
there then to liue:
Though churls such some, to craue can come,
And pray once got, regard thee not,
Yet liue or die, so will not I,
example giue.

In 138. houres I neuer made drop of Water.

26 When learned men, could there nor then,
Deuise to swage, the stormie rage,
Nor yet the furie, of my diffurie,
that long I had:
From Norwich aire, in great despaire,
Away to flie, or else to die,
To seeke more health, to seeke more wealth,
then was I glad.

Faiersted in Essex.

27 From thence so sent, away I went,
With sickness worne, as one forlorne,
To house my hed, at Faiersted,
where whiles I dwelt:
The tithing life, the tithing strife,
Through tithing ill, of Jacke and Gill,
The dailie pates, the merie waies,
too long I felt.

Leafe for parsons life

28 When charges grew, still new and new,
And that I spide, if parson dide,
All hope in vaine to hope for gaine,
I might go dance:
Once rid my hand, of parsonage land,
Thence by and by, awaie went I,
To London straight, to hope and wait,
for better chance.

London cõmended.

29 Well London well, that bearst the bell,
Of praise about, England throughout,
And dost in deed, to such as need,
much kindnes shew:
Who that with thee, can hardlie agree,
Nor can well praise, thy friendlie waies,
Shall friendship find, to please his mind,
in places few.

30 As for such mates, as vertue hates,
Dr he or thay that go so gay,
That needs he must, take all of trust,
for him or his:
Though such for wo, by Lothbury go,
For being spide, about Cheapeside,
Least Mercers books for monie lookes,
small matter it is.
31 When gaines was gon, & yeeres grew on,
And death did crie, from London flie,
In Cambridge then, I found agen,
a resting plot:
In Colledge best, of all the rest,
With thanks to thee, O Trinitee,
Through thee and thine, for me & mine,
some stay I got.
32 Since hap haps so, let tolling go,
Let seruing pains, yeeld forth hir gains,
Let courtly gifts, with wedding shifts,
helpe now to liue:
Let musicke win, let stocke come in,
Let wisdome carue, let reason serue,
For heere I craue, such end to haue,
as God shall giue.
33 Friends thus by me, perceiue may ye
That gentrie stands, not all by lands,
Nor all so left, or plentie left,
by parents gift:
But now and then, of gentlemen,
The yongest sonne is driuen to run,
And glad to seeke, from creeke to creeke,
to come by thrift.
34 And more by this, to consider is,
In world is set, enough to get,
But where or whan, that scarselie can,
the wisest tell:
By learning some, to riches come,
By ship and plough, some get inough,

Anthrifts order.

The plage at London.

youth ill spent maks age repent.

A lesson for yonger brothers.

A true lesson.

And some so wiue, that trim they thriue,
and speed full well.

Hardnes in youth not the worst.

35 To this before, adde one thing more,
Youth hardnes taught, wt knoledge wraught,
Most apt doo proue, to shift and shoue,
among the best:
Where cocking dads, make sawcie lads,
In youth so rage, to beg in age,
Or else to fetch, a Tiburne stretch,
among the rest.
36 Not rampish toie, of girle and boie,
Nor garment trim, of hir or him,
In childhood spent, to fond intent,
good end doth frame:
If marke we shall, the some of all,
The end it is, that noted is,
Which if it bide with vertue tride,
deserueth fame.
37 When all is donne, learne this my sonne,
Not friend nor skill, nor wit at will,
Nor ship nor clod, but only God,
doth all in all:
Man taketh paine, God giueth gaine,
Man doth his best, God doth the rest,
Man well intends, God forzon sends,
else want he shall.
38 Some seeke for welth, I seeke my helth,
Some seeke to please, I seeke mine ease,
Some seeke to saue, I seeke to haue,
to liue vpright:
More than to ride, with pompe and pride,
Or for to iet, in others det,
Such is my skill, and shall be still,
for any wight.
39 Too fond were I, here thus to lie,
Vnles that welth, might further helth,
And profit some, should thereby come,
to helpe withall:

Man doth labor and God doth blesse.

A cõtented mind worth all.

This

This causeth me, well pleasd to be,
Such thrift to make, such life to take,
In thriving mind, remoue to find,
as need, need shall.
Friend all thing wasd, that here is said,
And being got, that paies the shot,
We thinke of right, haue leaue I might,
(death drawing nære:)
To seeke some waies, my God to praies,
And mercie craue, in time to haue,
And for the rest, what he thinks best,
to suffer hære.

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